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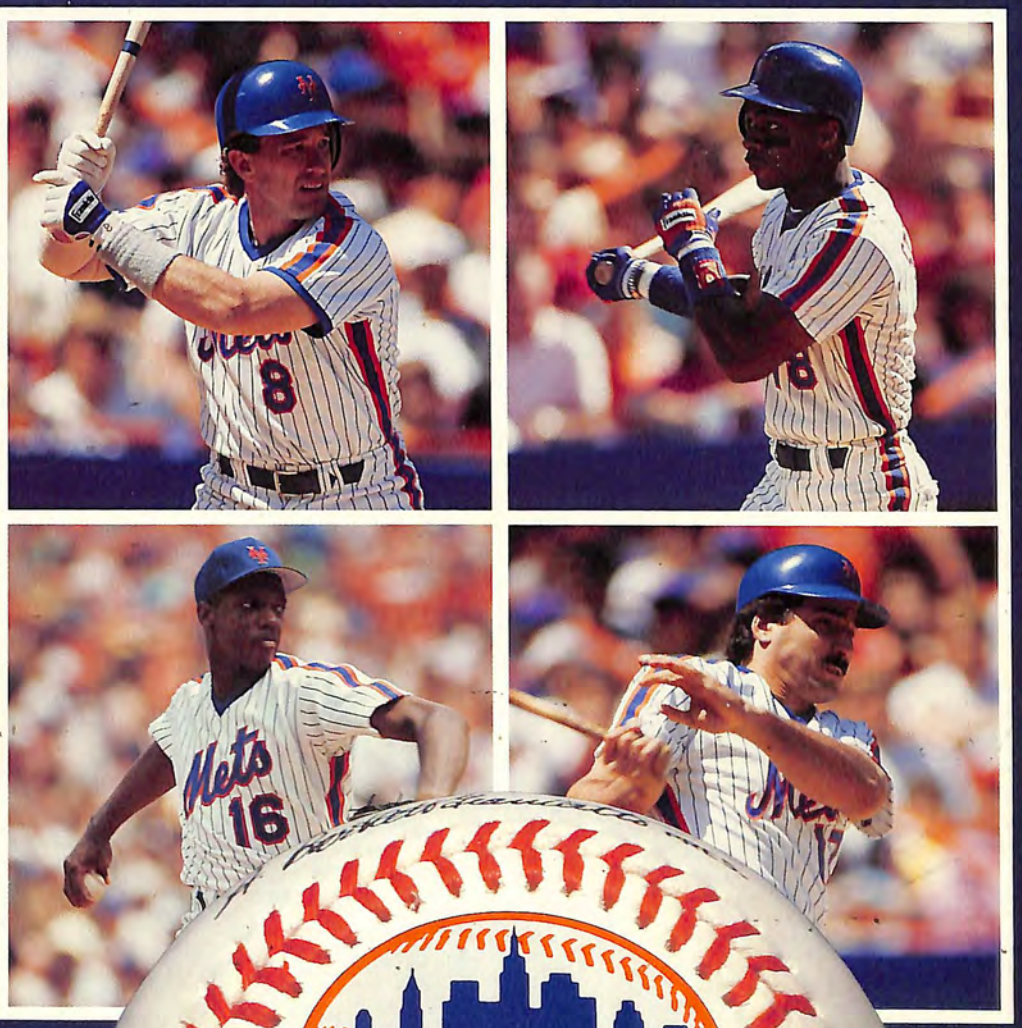

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Travel Bag Night (A)
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Kahn's Franks Kids Jersey Day (K)
Tropicana Glove Day (K)
Maybelline Mother's Day Bag (L)
Equitable Oldtimers Day
Kenner Mets Starting Lineup Night (K)
Met Life Beach Towel Day (E)
Flag Night (E)
Foot Locker Sock Night (E)
NYNEX Fireworks Night
Headstart Baseball Cap Day (E)
Kahn's Franks Baseball Card Night (E)
Sharp Garment Bag Day (A)
Lincoln Mercury Magical Moment Poster Day (E)
RC Cola Sports Bag Night (E)
Sports Illustrated SI for Kids Day (K)
Emerson Banner Day
Pergament Magical Moment Poster Night (E)
Starter Wristband Day (K)
TSS Back Pack Night (K)
Armitron 1969 Yearbook Night (E)
Snapper Umbrella Day (A)
Ski Cap Day (E)
Fan Appreciation Day (E)

Monday, April 3
Wednesday, April 5 & Thursday, April 6
Saturday, April 22
Wednesday, April 26
Saturday, May 6
Sunday, May 7
Saturday, May 13
Sunday, May 14
Saturday, May 20
Saturday, June 3
Sunday, June 4
Wednesday, June 14
Monday, June 19
Saturday, June 24
Sunday, June 25
Thursday, July 6
Saturday, July 8
Sunday, July 9
Saturday, July 22
Sunday, July 23
Sunday, August 6
Thursday, August 10
Sunday, August 13
Monday, Sept. 4
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Saturday, Sept. 23
Sunday, Sept. 24

(E) - Everyone (K) - Kids 14 and under (A) - Adults 15 and over (L) - Ladies 15 and over

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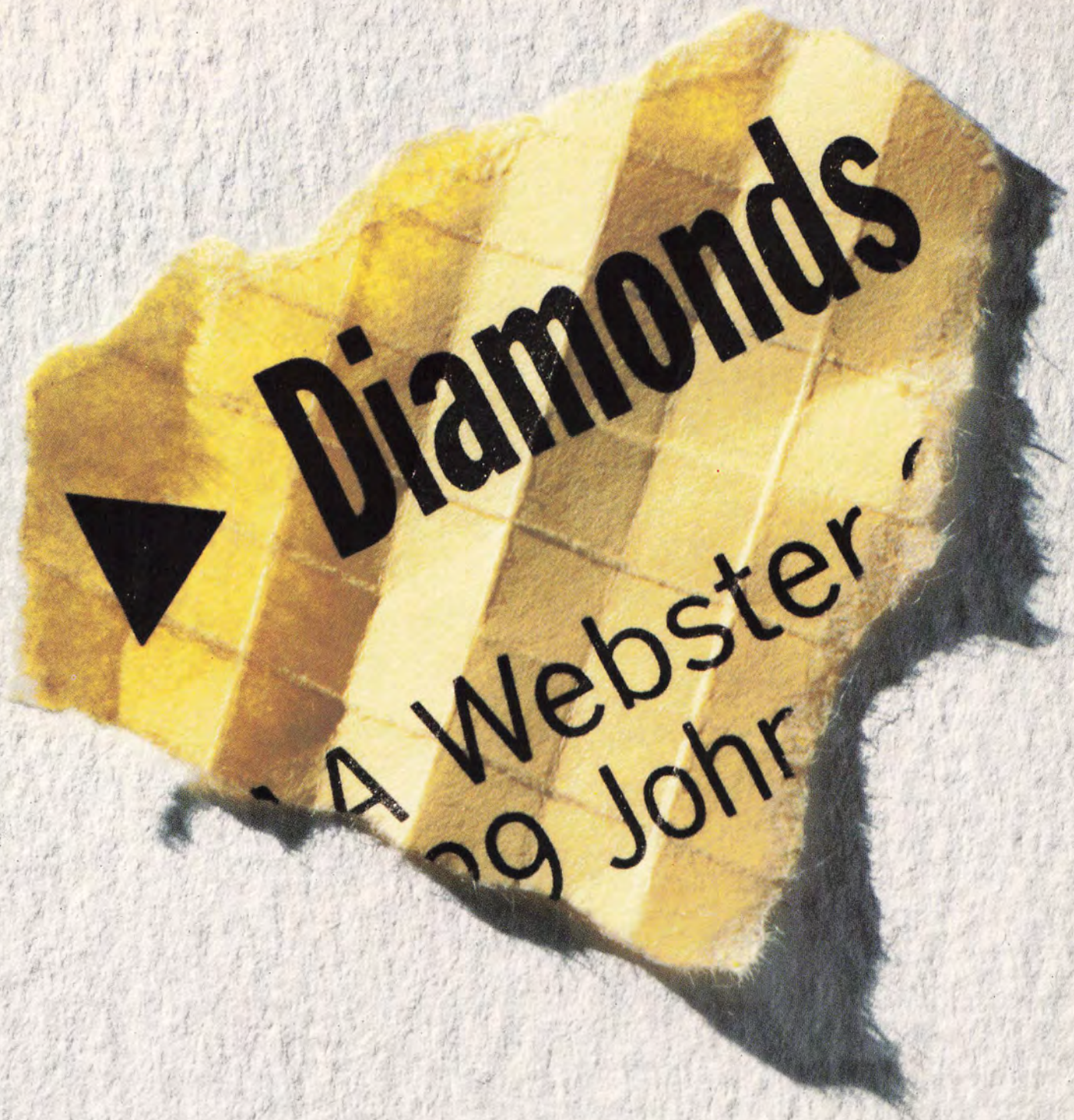

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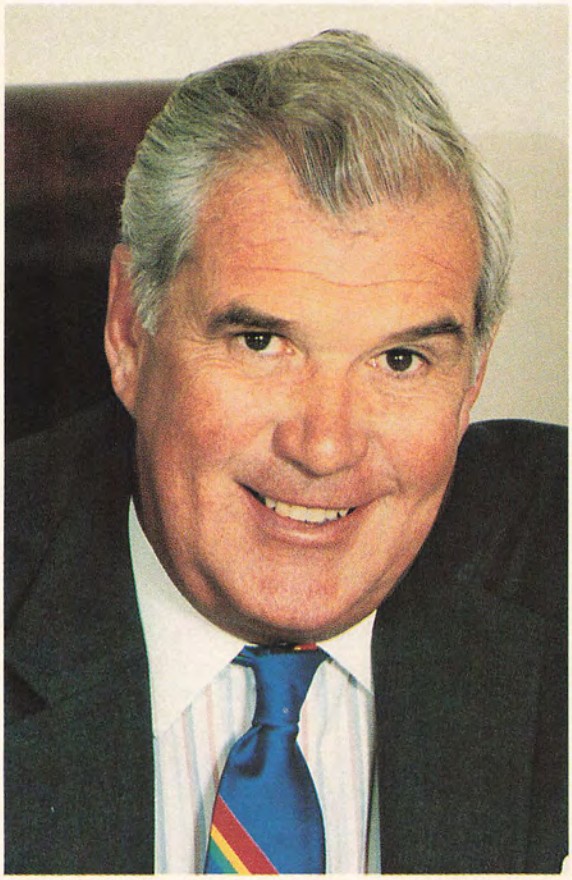

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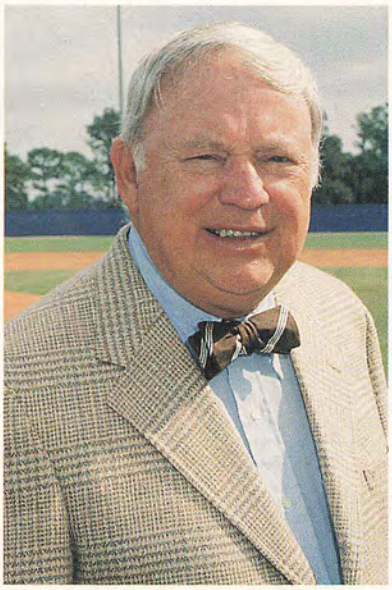

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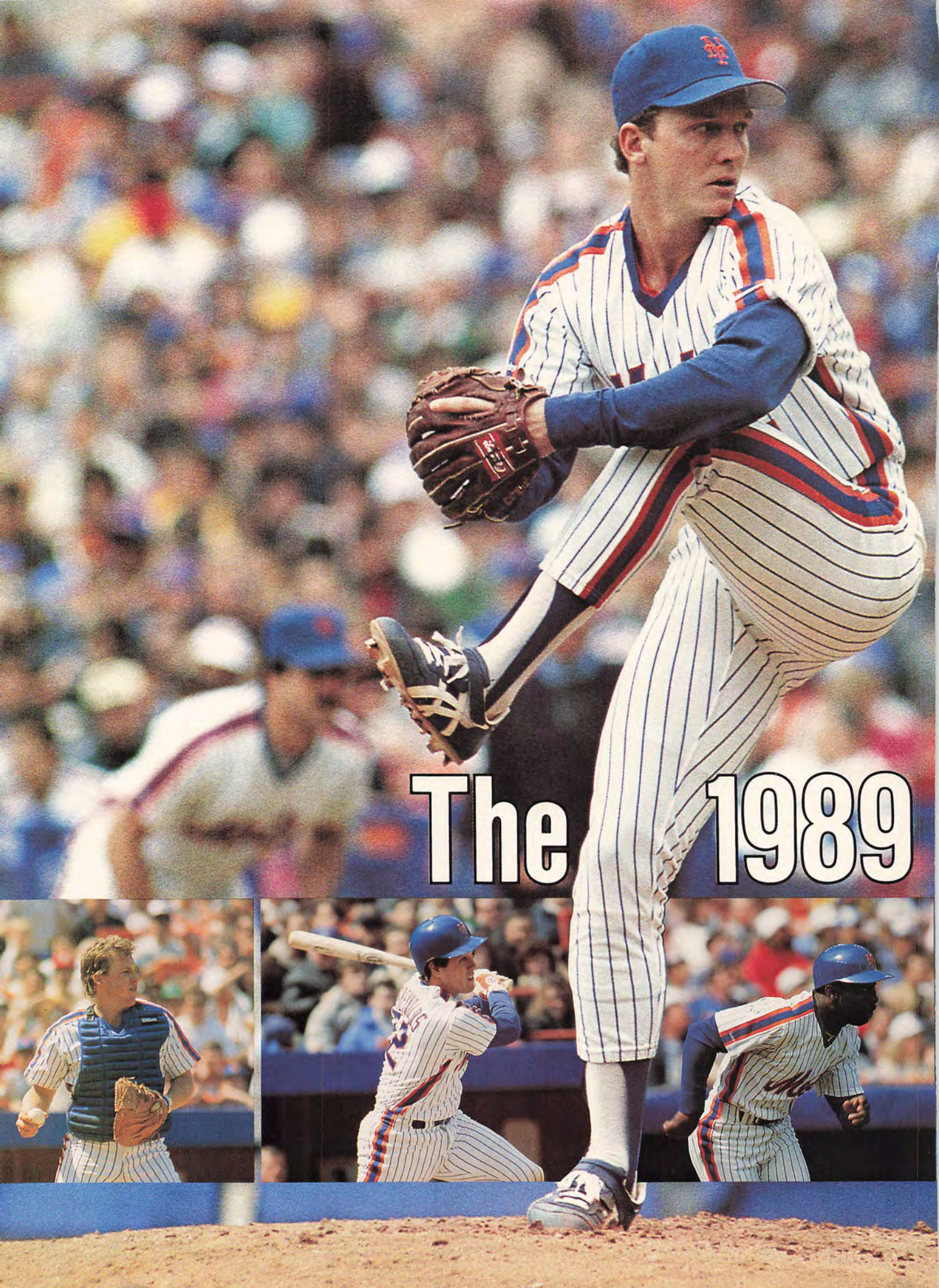

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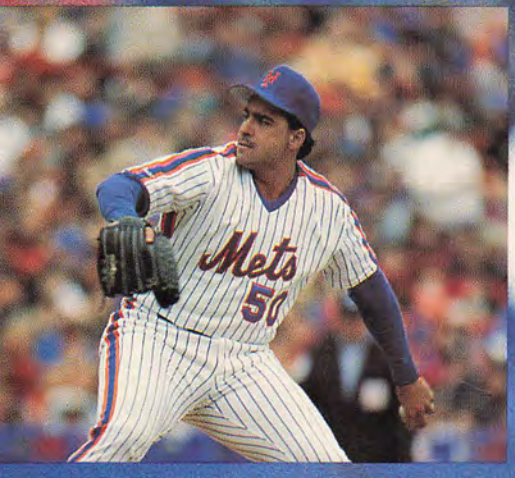

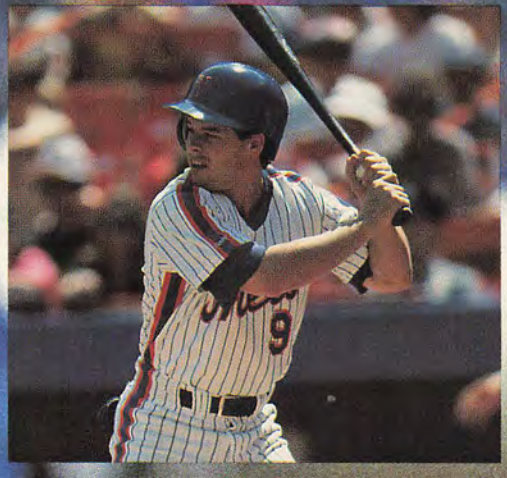

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1977	Wausau (A)	.290	68	245	50	71	10	2	6	32	33	57	23
1978	Jackson (AA)	.292	132	497	72	145	13	15	7	72	39	70	38
1979	Tidewater (AAA)	.267	141	529	84	141	22	10	5	44	44	91	49
1980	Tidewater (AAA)	.295	132	515	92	152	11	5	4	36	45	86	50
1980	Mets (NL)	.248	27	105	16	26	5	3	0	4	4	19	7
1981	Mets (NL)	.271	92	328	49	89	8	8	3	14	12	59	24
1982	Mets (NL)	.279	159	639	90	178	25	8	5	55	20	102	58
1983	Mets (NL)	.276	152	638	91	176	25	9	7	51	32	103	54
1984	Mets (NL)	.276	154	587	88	162	28	6	10	26	18	90	46
1985	Tidewater (AAA)	.276	93	337	56	93	16	10	6	54	26	52	24
1986	Mets (NL)	.258	9	31	4	8	1	8	0	6	28	7	4
1986	Mets (NL)	.289	123	381	61	110	17	0	9	26	4	72	25
1987	Mets (NL)	.299	124	385	58	115	19	5	9	45	3	85	21
1988	Mets (NL)	.296	112	378	61	112	17	7	8	34	32	63	15
Major League Totals		.281	1036	3778	570	1061	160	61	57	41	27	645	274

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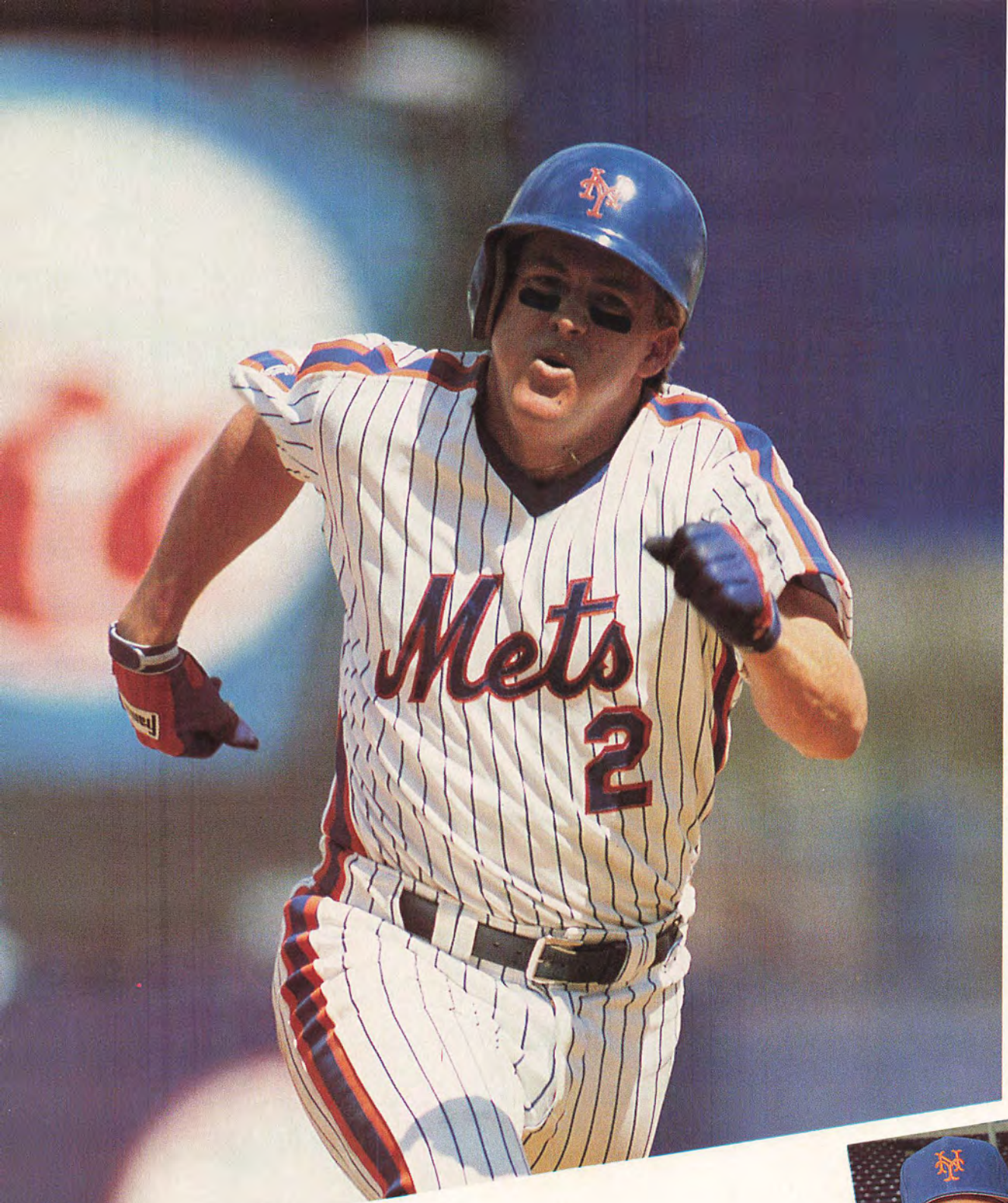

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1984	Clinton (A)	.292	118	428	57	125	20	5	6	65	30	46	15
1984	Fresno (A)	.274	16	62	8	17	1	1	0	6	3	6	1
1985	Fresno (A)	.338	133	497	79	168	27	4	14	102	36	35	3
1986	Shreveport (AA)	.293	120	441	52	129	29	5	5	72	44	36	4
1987	Phoenix-Vanc. (AAA)	.318	115	400	53	127	24	1	3	56	32	19	3
1987	SF-Pgh. (NL)	.185	14	27	2	5	0	0	1	2	0	2	0
1988	Mets (NL)	.285	60	123	9	35	10	1	1	17	6	9	0
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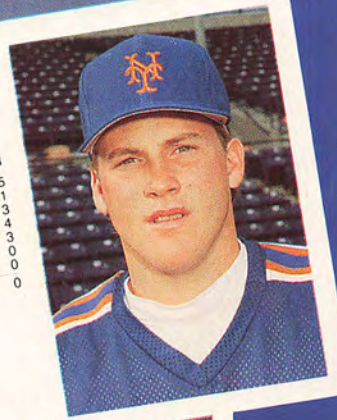

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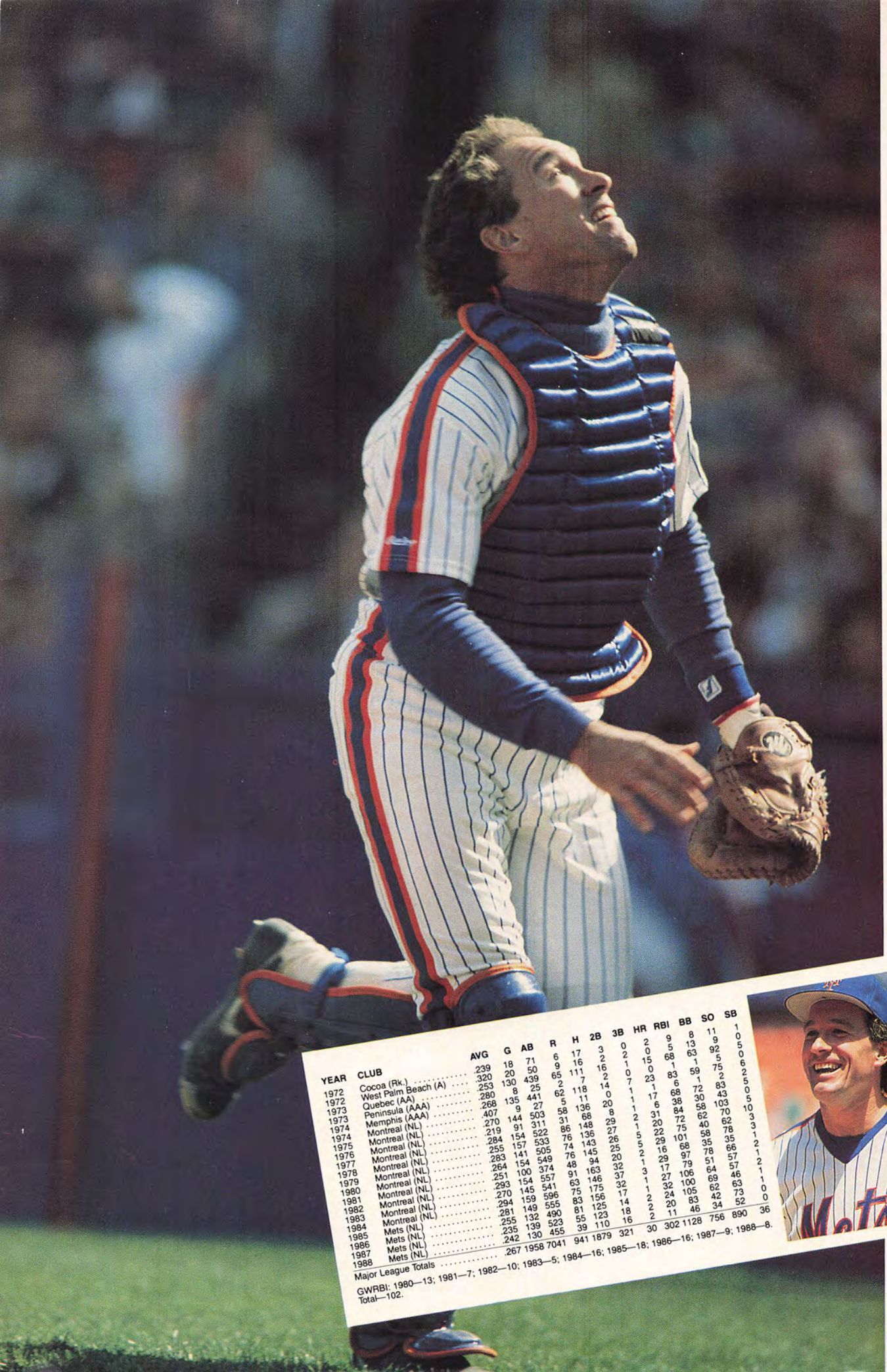
YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1981	Shelby (A)	.261	48	157	34	41	7	2	0	18	37	31	15
1982	Shelby (A)	.291	120	413	95	120	13	7	3	38	95	40	77
1983	Lynchburg (A)	.358	136	525	132	188	24	14	8	81	107	35	105
1984	Jackson (AA)	.275	131	501	100	138	25	7	6	52	73	45	53
1985	Tidewater (AAA)	.310	58	229	44	71	8	6	1	25	31	20	26
1985	Mets (NL)	.254	83	236	40	60	9	3	1	19	30	24	15
1986	Mets (NL)	.295	147	431	77	127	27	7	8	45	58	55	31
1987	Mets (NL)	.285	132	431	86	123	37	3	10	43	40	67	27
1988	Mets (NL)	.270	126	429	57	116	19	3	8	33	30	43	30
Major League Totals		.279	488	1527	260	426	92	16	27	140	158	189	103

GWRBI: 1985—3; 1986—7; 1987—4; 1988—5. Total—19.

8 GARY CARTER



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1972	Cocoa (Rk.)	.239	18	71	6	17	3	0	2	9	8	11	1
1972	West Palm Beach (A)	.320	20	50	9	16	2	2	0	5	13	9	0
1973	Quebec (AA)	.253	130	439	65	111	16	1	15	68	63	92	5
1973	Peninsula (AAA)	.280	8	25	2	7	2	0	0	1	1	5	0
1974	Memphis (AAA)	.268	135	441	62	118	14	7	23	83	59	75	6
1974	Montreal (NL)	.407	9	27	5	11	0	1	1	6	1	2	2
1975	Montreal (NL)	.270	144	503	58	136	20	1	17	68	72	83	5
1976	Montreal (NL)	.219	91	311	31	68	8	1	6	38	30	43	0
1977	Montreal (NL)	.284	154	522	76	148	29	1	31	84	58	103	5
1978	Montreal (NL)	.255	157	533	74	136	27	2	20	72	62	70	10
1979	Montreal (NL)	.283	141	505	76	143	25	1	22	75	40	62	3
1980	Montreal (NL)	.264	154	549	48	145	26	5	29	101	58	78	3
1981	Montreal (NL)	.251	100	374	91	94	20	5	16	68	35	35	1
1982	Montreal (NL)	.293	154	557	63	163	32	2	29	97	78	66	2
1983	Montreal (NL)	.270	145	541	75	146	37	1	17	79	51	57	1
1984	Mets (NL)	.294	159	596	83	175	32	3	27	106	64	57	2
1985	Mets (NL)	.281	149	555	81	156	17	1	32	100	69	46	1
1986	Mets (NL)	.255	132	490	55	125	14	2	24	105	62	63	1
1987	Mets (NL)	.235	139	523	39	123	18	2	20	83	42	73	0
1988	Mets (NL)	.242	130	455	39	110	16	2	11	46	34	52	0
Major League Totals		.267	1958	7041	941	1879	321	30	302	1128	756	890	36

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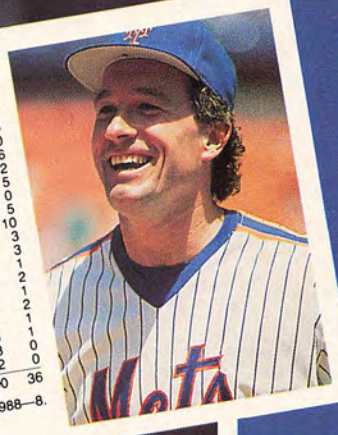

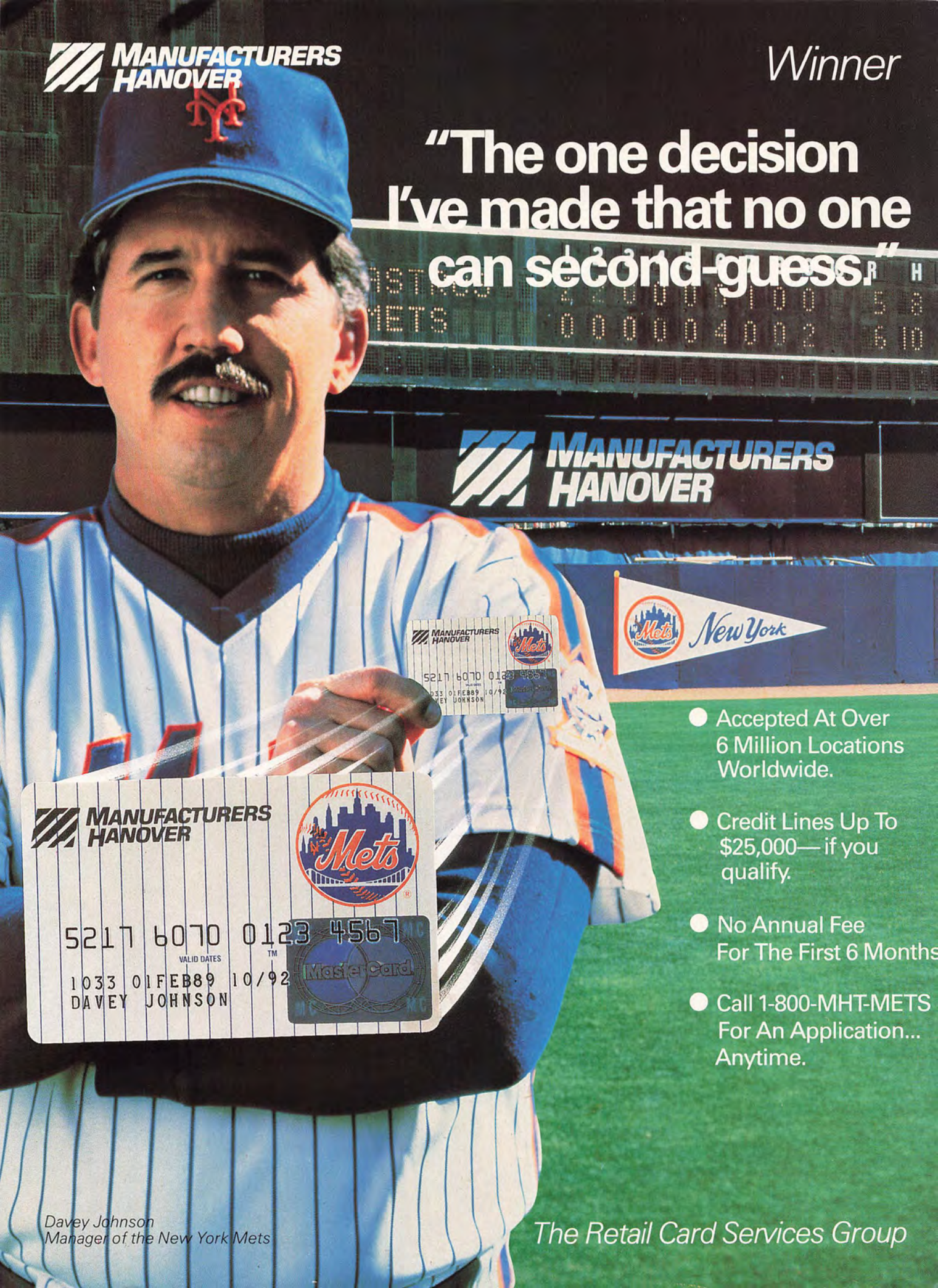
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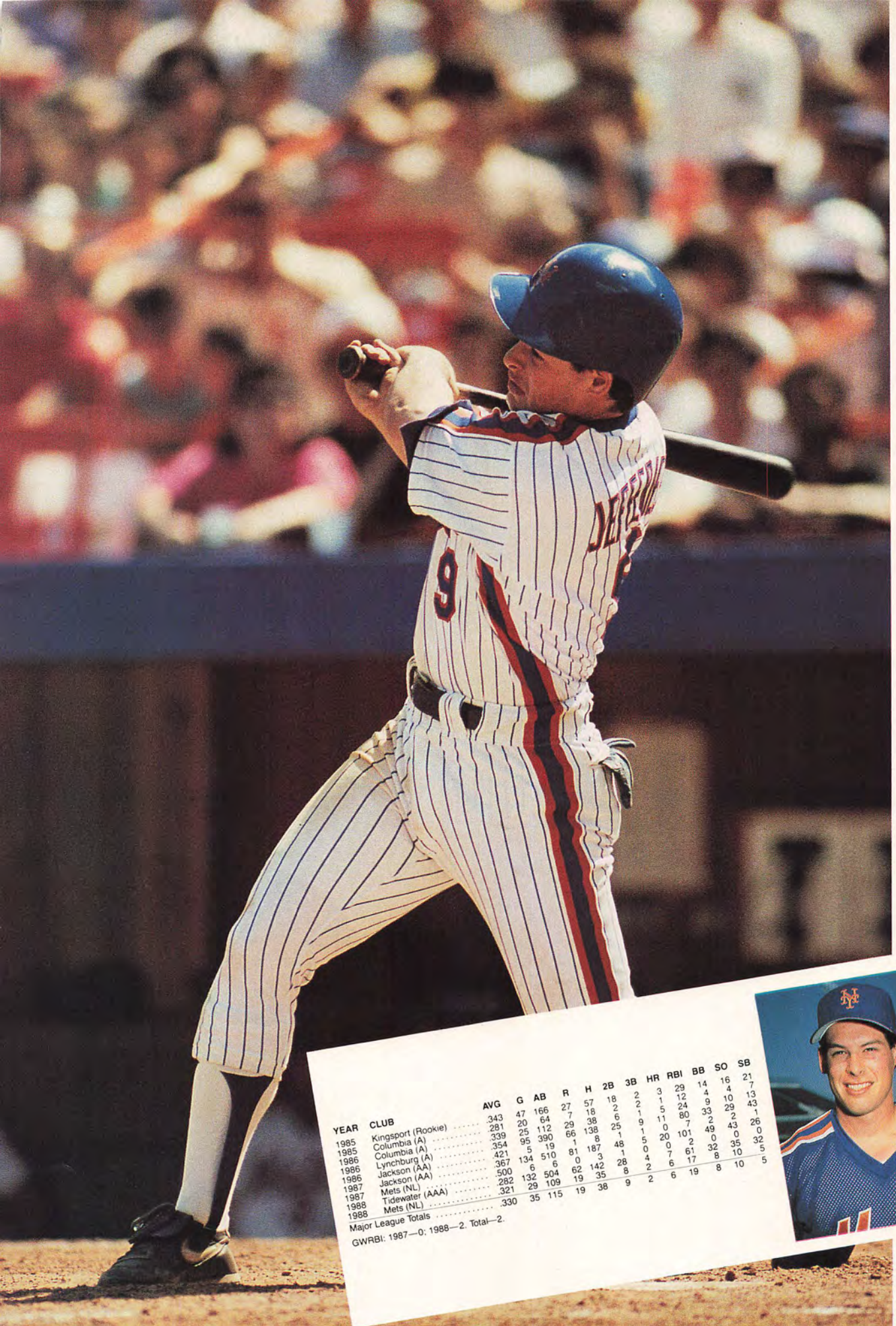

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1985	Columbia (A)	.281	20	64	7	18	2	2	1	12	4	4	7
1986	Columbia (A)	.339	25	112	29	38	6	1	5	24	9	10	13
1986	Lynchburg (A)	.354	95	390	66	138	25	9	11	80	33	29	43
1986	Jackson (AA)	.421	5	19	1	8	1	1	1	7	2	2	1
1986	Jackson (AA)	.367	134	510	81	187	48	5	20	101	49	43	26
1987	Mets (NL)	.500	6	6	1	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	0
1987	Jackson (AA)	.282	132	504	62	142	28	4	0	7	2	0	0
1988	Tidewater (AAA)	.321	29	109	19	35	8	2	6	61	17	35	32
1988	Mets (NL)	.330	35	115	19	38	9	2	6	19	8	8	10	5

Major League Totals

GWRBI: 1987—0; 1988—2. Total—2.

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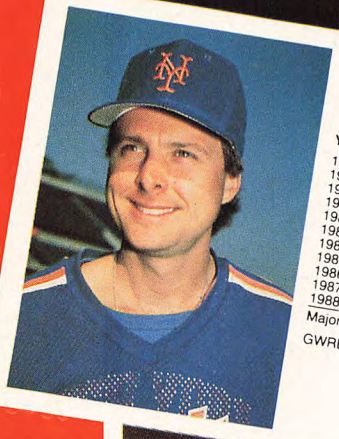

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1980	Orlando (A)	.265	86	287	38	76	15	3	11	47	49	61	3
1981	Orlando (A)	.248	128	416	69	103	21	5	17	60	45	80	4
1982	Orlando (A)	.282	100	340	52	96	12	4	9	56	67	51	16
1983	Toledo (AAA)	.282	45	149	25	42	10	4	6	20	15	23	1
1983	Minnesota (AL)	.323	136	471	103	152	27	6	27	100	102	71	13
1984	Minnesota (AL)	.308	21	78	11	24	7	1	3	6	2	8	0
1985	Minnesota (AL)	.262	157	568	76	149	30	3	14	61	76	73	1
1986	Mets (NL)	.260	138	434	58	113	24	3	10	50	48	70	4
1987	Mets (NL)	.247	93	279	35	69	20	1	4	31	32	42	1
1988	Mets (NL)	.308	97	299	55	92	29	0	14	61	44	53	3
Major League Totals		.234	90	273	35	64	20	0	4	31	29	41	0
		.265	596	1931	270	511	130	8	49	240	231	287	9

GWRBI: 1983—3; 1984—10; 1985—4; 1986—3; 1987—5; 1988—3. Total—28.

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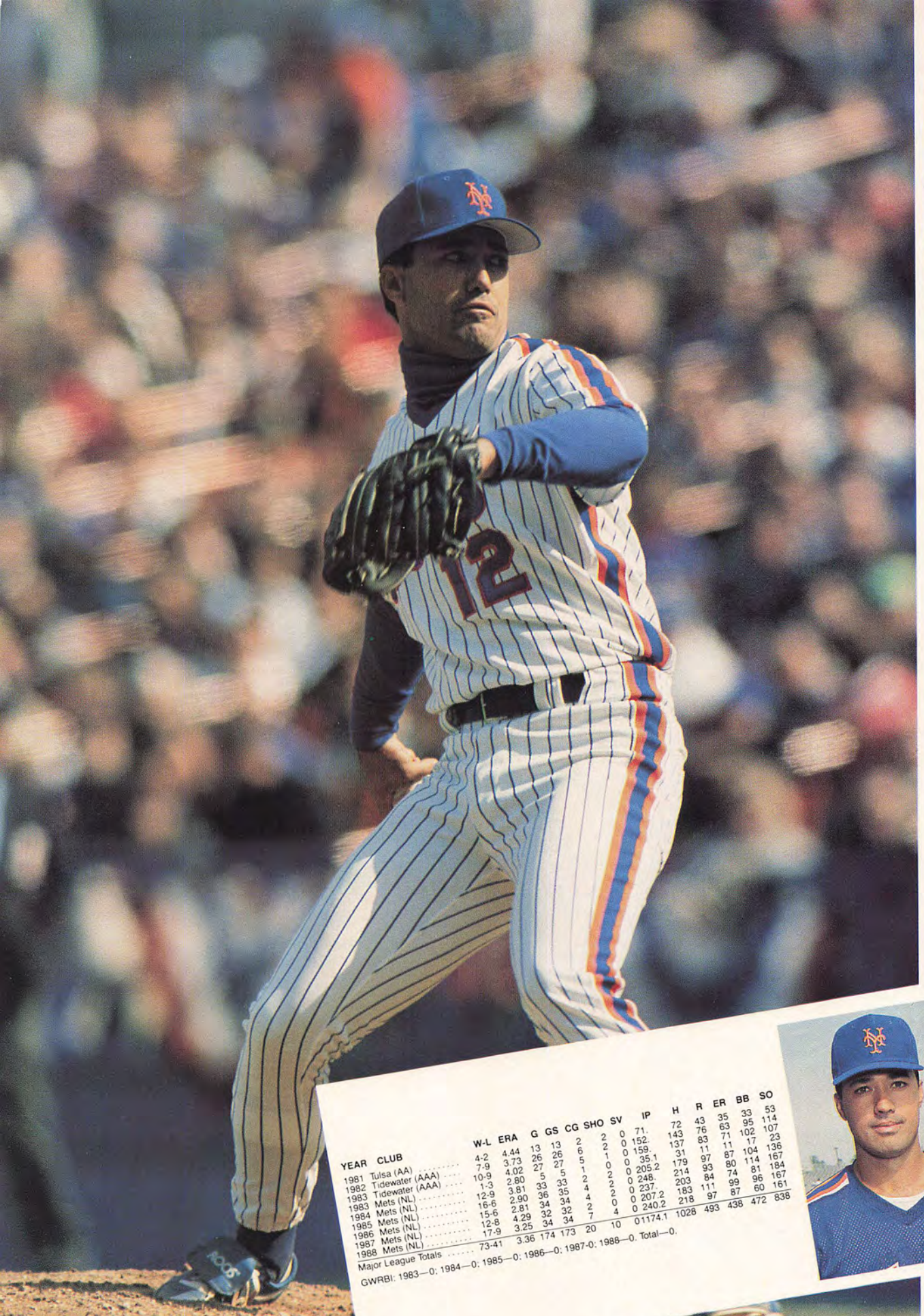

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1981	Tulsa (AA)	4-2	4.44	13	13	2	2	0	71.	72	43	35	33	53
1982	Tidewater (AAA)	7-9	3.73	26	26	6	2	0	152.	143	76	63	95	114
1983	Tidewater (AAA)	10-9	4.02	27	27	5	1	0	159.	137	83	71	102	107
1983	Mets (NL)	1-3	2.80	5	5	1	0	0	35.1	31	11	11	17	23
1984	Mets (NL)	12-9	3.81	33	33	2	2	0	205.2	179	97	87	104	136
1985	Mets (NL)	16-6	2.90	36	35	4	2	0	248.	214	93	80	114	167
1986	Mets (NL)	15-6	2.81	34	34	4	2	0	237.	203	84	74	81	184
1987	Mets (NL)	12-8	4.29	32	32	2	0	0	207.2	183	111	99	96	167
1988	Mets (NL)	17-9	3.25	34	34	7	4	0	240.2	218	97	87	60	161
Major League Totals		73-41	3.36	174	173	20	10	0	1174.1	1028	493	438	472	838

GWRBI: 1983—0; 1984—0; 1985—0; 1986—0; 1987-0; 1988—0. Total—0.

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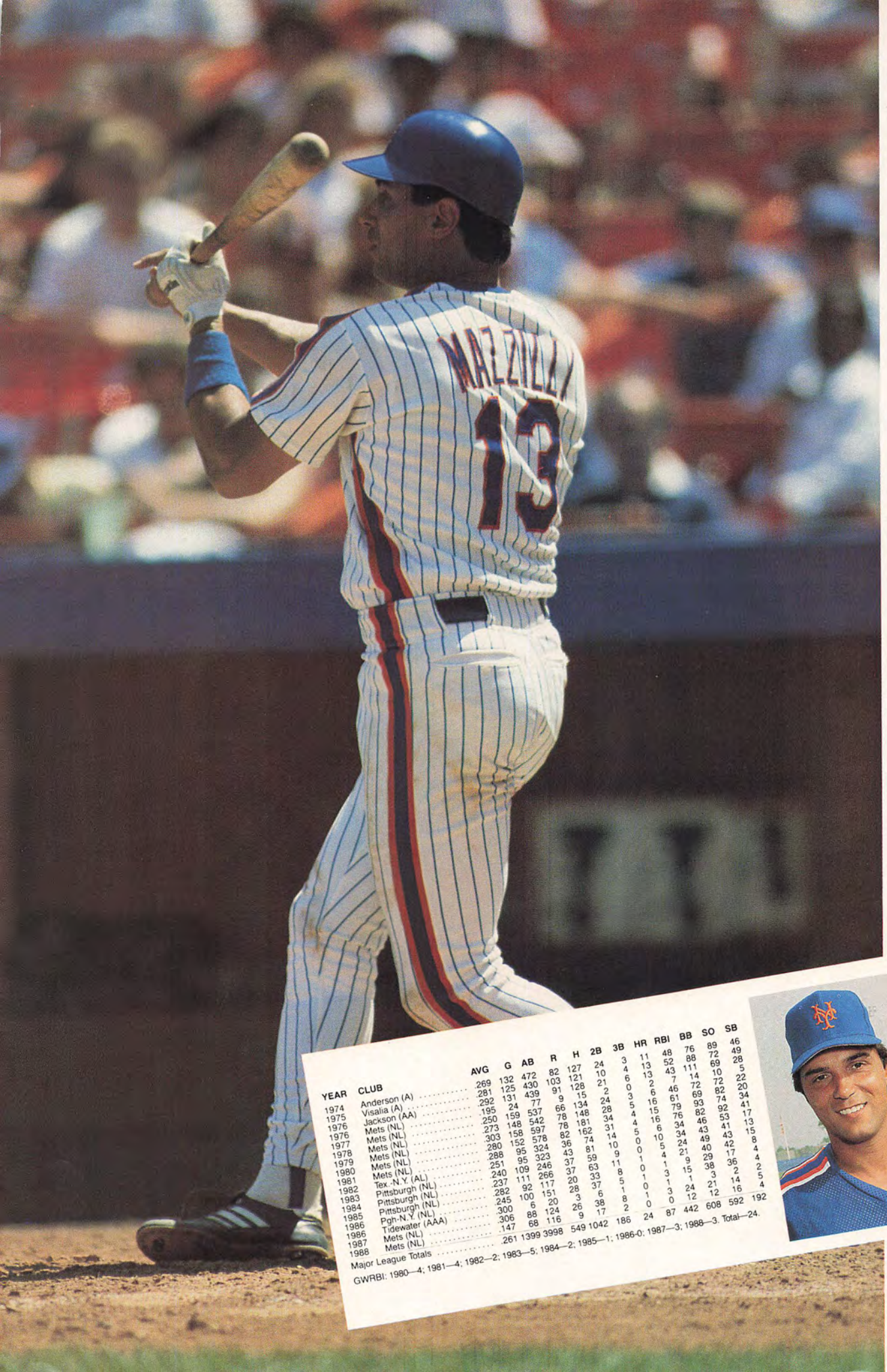

13 LEE MAZZILLI

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1974	Anderson (A)	.269	132	472	82	127	24	3	11	48	76	89	46
1975	Visalia (A)	.281	125	430	103	121	10	4	13	52	88	72	49
1976	Jackson (AA)	.292	131	439	91	128	21	6	13	43	111	69	28
1976	Mets (NL)	.195	24	77	9	15	2	0	2	7	14	10	5
1977	Mets (NL)	.250	159	537	66	134	24	3	6	46	72	72	22
1978	Mets (NL)	.273	148	542	78	148	28	5	16	61	69	82	20
1979	Mets (NL)	.303	158	597	78	181	34	4	15	79	93	74	34
1980	Mets (NL)	.280	152	578	82	162	31	4	16	76	82	92	41
1981	Tex.-N.Y. (AL)	.288	95	324	36	74	14	5	6	34	46	53	17
1982	Pittsburgh (NL)	.251	95	323	43	81	10	0	10	34	43	41	13
1983	Pittsburgh (NL)	.240	109	246	37	59	9	0	5	24	40	43	15
1984	Pittsburgh (NL)	.237	111	266	37	63	11	1	4	21	49	42	8
1985	Pgh-N.Y. (NL)	.282	92	117	20	33	8	0	1	9	29	17	8
1986	Tidewater (AAA)	.245	100	151	28	37	5	1	3	15	38	36	4
1986	Mets (NL)	.300	6	20	3	6	1	0	1	3	3	2	4
1987	Mets (NL)	.306	88	124	26	38	8	1	1	1	1	3	2
1988	Mets (NL)	.147	68	116	9	17	2	0	0	3	24	21	14	5
Major League Totals		.261	1399	3998	549	1042	186	24	87	442	608	592	192	4

GWRBI: 1980—4; 1981—4; 1982—2; 1983—5; 1984—2; 1985—1; 1986-0; 1987—3; 1988—3. Total—24.

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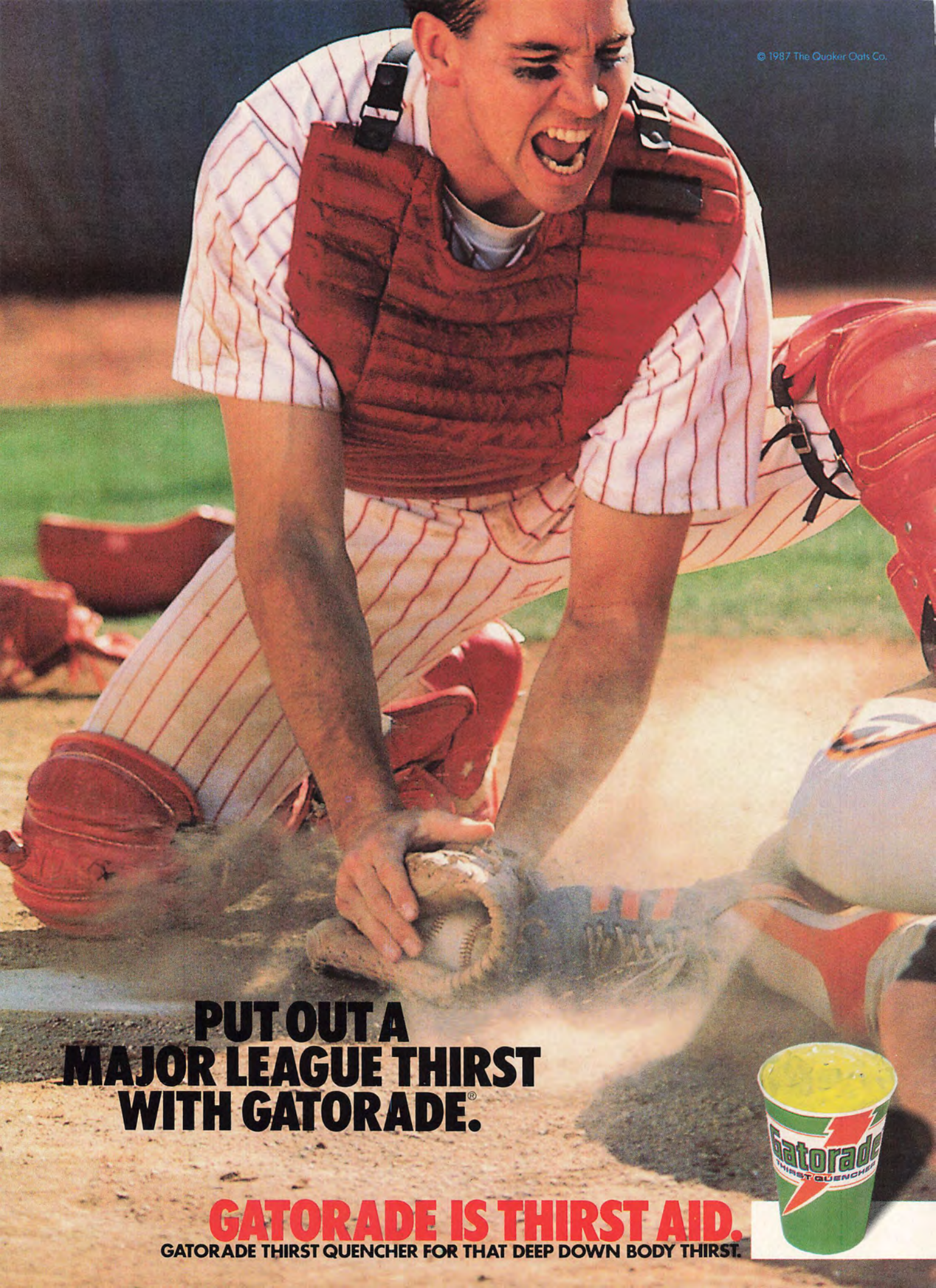
YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1982	Kingsport (A)	5-4	2.47	9	9	4	2	0	66.	53	34	18	25	66
1982	Little Falls (A)	0-1	4.15	2	2	0	0	0	13.	11	6	6	3	18
1983	Lynchburg (A)	19-4	2.50	27	27	10	6	0	191.	121	58	53	112	300
1984	Mets (NL)	17-9	2.60	31	31	7	3	0	218.	161	72	63	73	276
1985	Mets (NL)	24-4	1.53	35	35	16	8	0	276.2	198	51	47	69	268
1986	Mets (NL)	17-6	2.84	33	33	12	2	0	250.	197	92	79	80	200
1987	Tidewater (AAA)	3-0	2.05	4	4	1	0	0	22.	20	7	5	9	24
1987	Mets (NL)	15-7	3.21	25	25	7	3	0	179.2	162	68	64	53	148
1988	Mets (NL)	18-9	3.19	34	34	10	3	0	248.1	242	98	88	57	175
Major League Totals		91-35	2.62	158	158	52	19	0	1172.2	960	381	341	332	1067

GWRBI: 1984—0; 1985—0; 1986—0; 1987—0; 1988—1. Total—1.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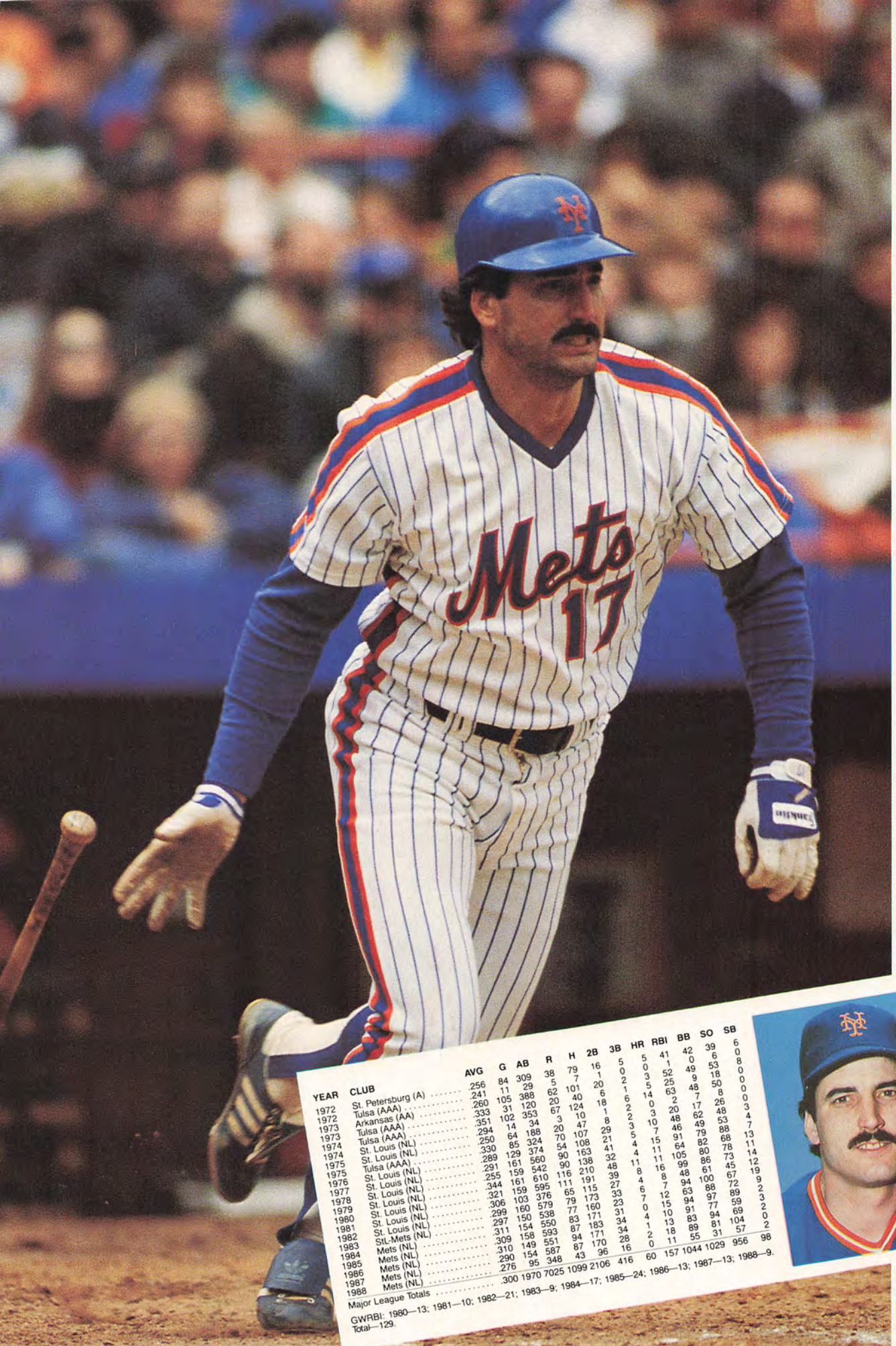

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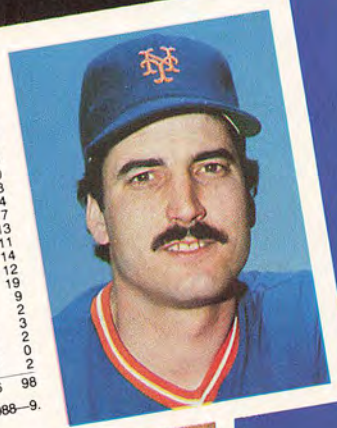
1972	St. Petersburg (A)	.256	84	309	38	79	16	5	5	41	42	39	6
1972	Tulsa (AAA)	.241	11	29	5	7	1	0	0	1	0	6	0
1973	Arkansas (AA)	.260	105	388	62	101	20	2	3	52	49	53	8
1973	Tulsa (AAA)	.333	31	120	20	40	6	1	5	25	9	18	0
1974	St. Louis (NL)	.351	102	353	67	124	18	6	14	63	48	50	0
1974	Tulsa (AAA)	.294	14	34	3	10	1	2	0	2	7	8	0
1975	St. Louis (NL)	.250	64	188	20	47	8	2	3	20	17	26	0
1975	Tulsa (AAA)	.330	85	324	70	107	29	3	10	48	62	48	3
1976	St. Louis (NL)	.289	129	374	54	108	21	5	3	46	49	53	4
1977	St. Louis (NL)	.291	161	560	90	163	41	5	7	91	79	88	7
1978	St. Louis (NL)	.255	159	542	90	138	32	4	15	64	82	68	13
1979	St. Louis (NL)	.344	161	610	116	210	48	4	11	105	80	78	11
1980	St. Louis (NL)	.321	159	595	111	191	39	11	11	99	86	73	14
1981	St. Louis (NL)	.306	103	376	65	115	27	8	16	48	61	45	12
1982	StL-Mets (NL)	.299	160	579	79	173	33	4	8	94	100	67	19
1983	Mets (NL)	.297	154	550	77	160	23	6	7	63	88	72	9
1984	Mets (NL)	.311	150	538	83	171	31	7	12	94	97	89	2
1985	Mets (NL)	.309	158	593	87	183	34	0	15	91	77	69	3
1986	Mets (NL)	.310	149	551	94	171	34	4	10	83	94	104	2
1987	Mets (NL)	.290	154	587	87	170	28	1	13	89	81	57	0
1988	Mets (NL)	.276	95	348	43	96	16	2	1	18	55	31	2
Major League Totals		.300	1970	7025	1099	2106	416	60	157	1044	1029	956	98

GWRBI: 1980—13; 1981—10; 1982—21; 1983—9; 1984—17; 1985—24; 1986—13; 1987—13; 1988—9. Total—129.



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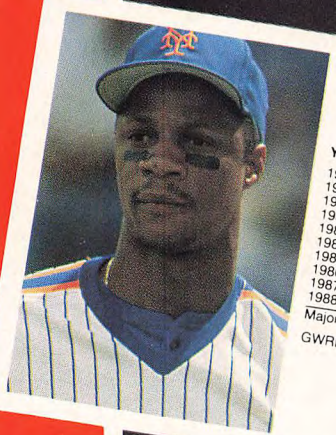

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1980	Kingsport (Rookie)	.268	44	157	27	42	5	2	5	20	20	39	5
1981	Lynchburg (A)	.255	123	420	84	107	22	6	13	78	82	105	31
1982	Jackson (AA)	.283	129	435	93	123	19	9	34	97	100	145	45
1983	Tidewater (AAA)	.333	16	57	12	19	4	1	3	13	14	18	7
1984	Mets (NL)	.257	122	420	63	108	15	7	26	74	47	128	19
1985	Mets (NL)	.251	147	522	75	131	27	4	26	97	75	131	27
1986	Mets (NL)	.277	111	393	78	109	15	4	29	79	73	96	26
1987	Mets (NL)	.259	136	475	76	123	27	5	27	93	72	141	28
1988	Mets (NL)	.284	154	532	108	151	32	5	39	104	97	122	36
Major League Totals		.269	153	543	101	146	27	3	39	101	85	127	29
		.266	823	2885	501	768	143	28	186	548	449	745	165

GWRBI: 1983—11; 1984—8; 1985—8; 1986—15; 1987—5; 1988—15. Total—62.

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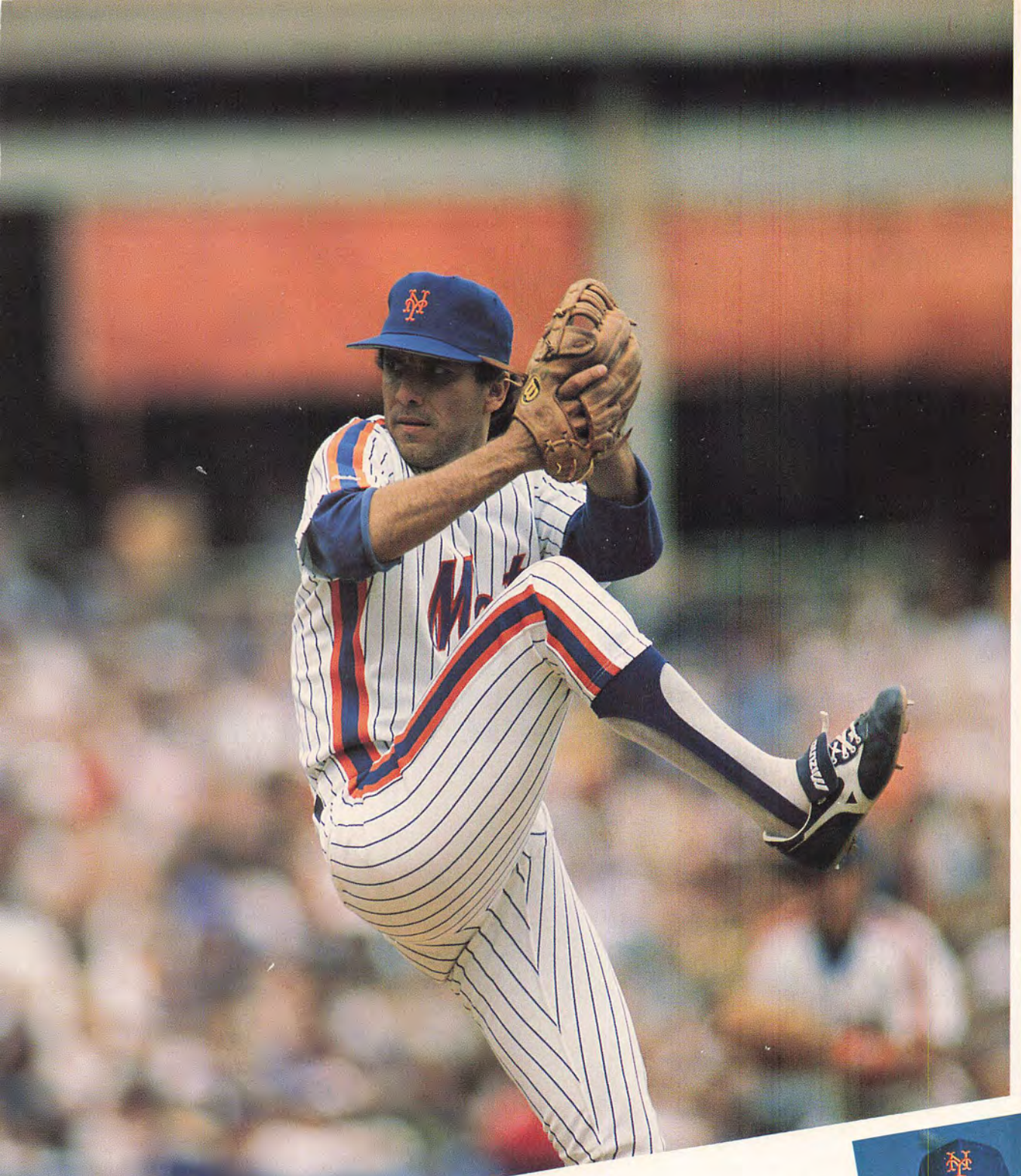

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1978	Elmira (A)	1-6	4.81	18	3	0	0	2	43.	45	32	23	43	35
1979	Winter Haven (A)	15-7	2.43	29	29	8	2	0	200.	163	66	54	84	150
1980	Pawtucket (AAA)	6-7	3.22	19	18	4	0	0	123.	107	54	44	56	78
1980	Boston (AL)	1-1	6.92	7	7	0	0	0	26.	39	20	20	14	12
1981	Pawtucket (AAA)	12-9	2.13	25	23	8	0	0	173.	136	52	41	73	113
1981	Boston (AL)	6-2	3.12	10	10	2	0	0	66.1	50	25	23	25	28
1982	Boston (AL)	4-6	5.63	22	14	0	0	0	78.1	95	53	49	29	52
1983	Boston (AL)	12-7	4.04	29	28	5	0	0	173.2	173	85	78	73	94
1984	Boston (AL)	12-12	3.99	33	32	8	5	0	216.2	211	106	96	96	137
1985	Boston (AL)	9-11	4.00	39	22	5	5	0	157.2	166	74	70	48	102
1986	Mets (NL)	18-5	2.57	32	30	7	2	1	217.1	185	72	62	52	148
1987	Mets (NL)	3-5	3.88	10	7	0	0	0	46.1	45	23	20	10	21
1988	Mets (NL)	10-13	2.88	29	29	5	5	0	190.1	158	74	61	33	133
Major League Totals		75-62	3.68	211	179	32	12	1	1172.2	1122	532	479	380	727

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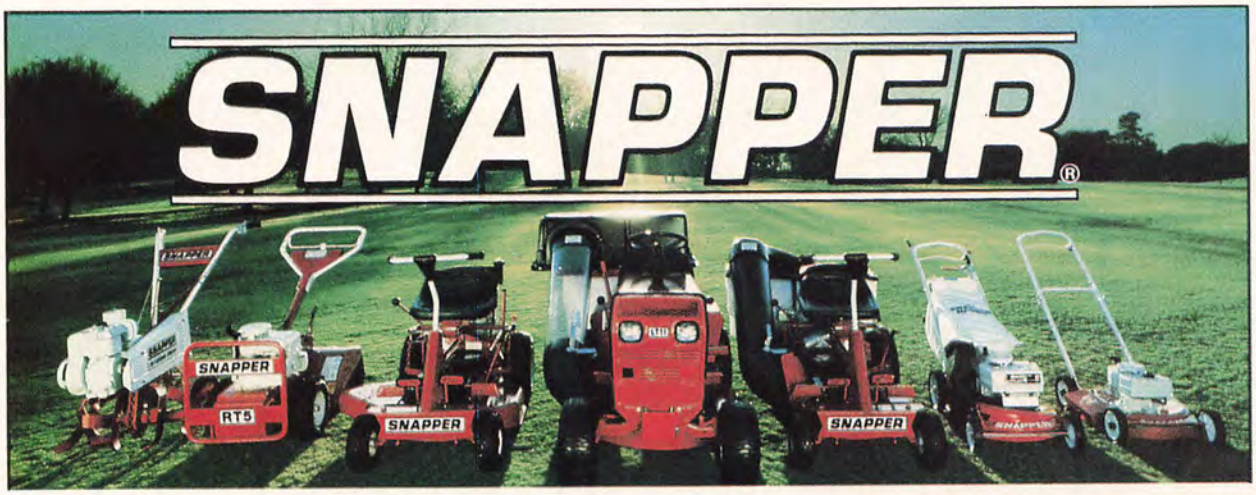

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YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1979	Lakeland (A)	.235	132	456	49	107	9	6	3	49	69	85	18
1980	Lakeland (A)	.285	130	474	83	135	28	1	10	69	73	75	31
1981	Birmingham (AA)	.266	138	488	84	130	28	7	22	83	75	93	19
1982	Evansville (AAA)	.317	98	336	70	116	16	4	4	14	46	62	35
1982	Detroit (AL)	.316	54	155	23	49	5	0	23	67	16	30	7
1983	Detroit (AL)	.212	27	66	11	14	0	0	4	14	7	10	0
1983	Evansville (AAA)	.222	3	9	1	2	1	0	3	5	4	2	0
1984	Detroit (AL)	.248	116	355	43	88	14	1	0	0	40	67	10
1985	Mets (NL)	.242	126	389	38	94	14	4	12	50	34	78	6
1986	Mets (NL)	.245	88	220	30	54	18	4	11	46	31	64	8
1987	Mets (NL)	.265	157	554	93	147	14	0	10	39	83	113	32
1988	Mets (NL)	.230	148	495	85	114	22	1	36	99	86	104	23
Major League Totals		.251	716	2234	323	560	94	7	24	68	297	466	86

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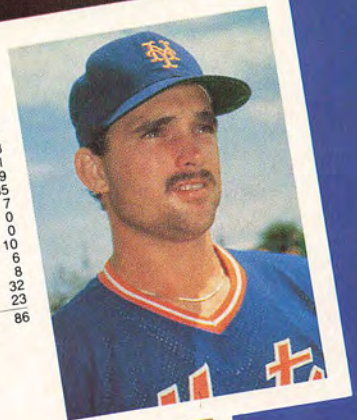

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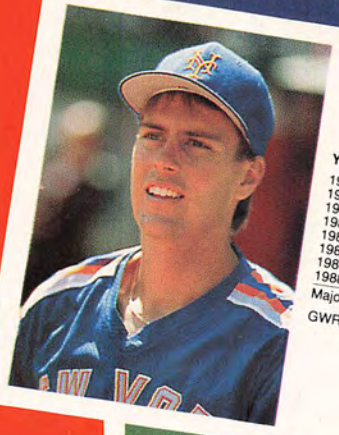

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1984	Little Falls (A)	.257	71	257	35	66	7	3	3	35	35	41	13
1985	Lynchburg (A)	.295	59	224	41	66	9	0	7	26	33	21	8
1985	Jackson (AA)	.257	59	214	30	55	13	0	2	22	19	29	2
1986	Jackson (AA)	.269	127	435	69	117	19	3	2	51	61	46	6
1987	Mets (NL)	.167	19	30	3	5	1	0	0	0	3	8	0
1987	Tidewater (AAA)	.310	134	549	83	170	33	7	8	74	35	62	7
1988	Mets (NL)	.400	5	10	1	4	2	0	0	1	0	1	0
Major League Totals		.214	149	406	41	87	11	1	9	37	35	47	2
		.215	173	446	45	96	14	1	9	38	38	56	2

GWRBI: 1986—0; 1987—0; 1988—6. Total—6.

22 KEVIN McREYNOLDS

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1982	Reno (A)	.376	90	338	83	127	17	5	28	98	36	50	0
1982	Amarillo (AA)	.352	40	162	30	57	8	3	5	39	12	32	4
1983	Las Vegas (AAA)	.377	113	446	98	168	46	9	32	116	41	55	14
1983	San Diego (NL)	.221	39	140	15	31	3	1	4	14	12	29	2
1984	San Diego (NL)	.278	147	525	68	146	26	6	20	75	43	69	3
1985	San Diego (NL)	.234	152	564	89	161	24	4	15	75	34	81	4
1986	Mets (NL)	.288	158	560	86	163	31	6	26	96	66	83	8
1987	Mets (NL)	.276	151	590	82	159	32	5	29	95	39	70	8
1988	Mets (NL)	.288	147	552	82	159	30	2	27	99	38	56	21
Major League Totals		.270	794	2931	401	792	146	24	121	454	232	388	52

GWRBI: 1983—2; 1984—10; 1985—12; 1986—14; 1987—9; 1988—19. Total—66.

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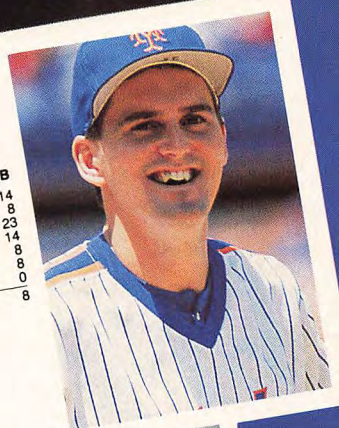
25 KEITH MILLER

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1985	Lynchburg (A)	.302	89	325	51	98	16	5	7	54	39	52	14
1985	Jackson (AA)	.224	46	165	17	37	8	1	3	22	12	38	8
1986	Jackson (AA)	.329	94	353	80	116	23	4	5	36	62	56	23
1987	Tidewater (AAA)	.248	53	202	29	50	9	1	6	22	14	36	14
1987	Mets (NL)	.373	25	51	14	19	2	1	0	1	2	6	8
1988	Tidewater (AAA)	.281	42	171	23	48	11	2	1	15	2	19	8
1988	Mets (NL)	.214	40	70	9	15	1	1	1	5	6	10	0
Major League Totals		.281	65	121	23	34	3	3	1	6	8	16	8

GWRBI: 1987—0; 1988—1. Total—1.



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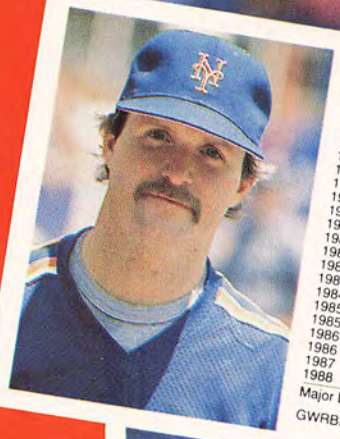

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1976	Baton Rouge (A)	2-0	6.16	5	1	1	0	0	19.	43	21	13	14	15
1977	Greenwood (A)	3-2	2.55	20	0	0	0	3	67.	47	25	19	24	67
1978	Savannah (AA)	1-0	5.04	9	2	0	0	0	25.	24	17	14	13	21
1978	Kinston (A)	5-4	3.27	34	0	0	0	8	66.	57	29	24	25	46
1979	Savannah (AA)	2-9	1.96	40	0	0	0	2	92.	77	33	20	26	68
1979	Richmond (AAA)	3-1	1.93	7	2	1	0	1	14.	14	3	3	4	12
1980	Savannah (AA)	5-1	3.66	24	5	2	0	1	91.	90	43	37	20	60
1980	Jackson (AA)	5-1	1.50	8	7	3	2	0	54.	50	16	9	15	30
1981	Jackson (AA)	5-1	1.71	8	7	2	1	0	58.	47	14	11	12	43
1981	Tidewater (AAA)	5-2	2.72	15	8	4	1	0	76.	63	27	23	19	42
1981	Mets (NL)	1-1	2.57	21	1	0	0	0	35.	26	11	10	12	16
1982	Tidewater (AAA)	4-1	2.96	30	0	0	0	5	49.	48	20	16	19	34
1982	Mets (NL)	2-1	4.17	21	1	1	0	0	45.1	46	22	21	18	30
1983	Tidewater (AAA)	5-7	4.46	37	7	2	1	3	113.	120	66	56	42	66
1984	Richmond (AAA)	1-2	9.20	12	0	0	0	6	14.2	28	16	15	3	6
1984	Tidewater (AAA)	10-2	1.90	31	0	0	0	1	80.1	70	26	17	27	53
1985	Tidewater (AAA)	1-0	1.59	24	0	0	0	0	45.1	33	12	8	8	25
1985	Mets (NL)	3-4	2.91	22	4	1	0	4	55.2	48	19	18	14	30
1986	Tidewater (AAA)	4-4	2.49	34	4	1	1	1	79.2	69	30	22	21	56
1986	Mets (NL)	0-0	2.70	6	0	0	0	7	6.2	6	3	2	3	4
1987	Mets (NL)	11-1	3.22	44	12	1	0	0	131.1	132	54	47	29	61
1988	Mets (NL)	7-2	2.54	52	0	0	0	3	92.0	95	32	26	24	51
Major League Totals		24-9	3.05	166	18	3	3	7	366.0	353	141	124	100	192

GWRBI: 1981—0; 1982—0; 1985—0; 1986—0; 1987—0; 1988—0. Total—0.

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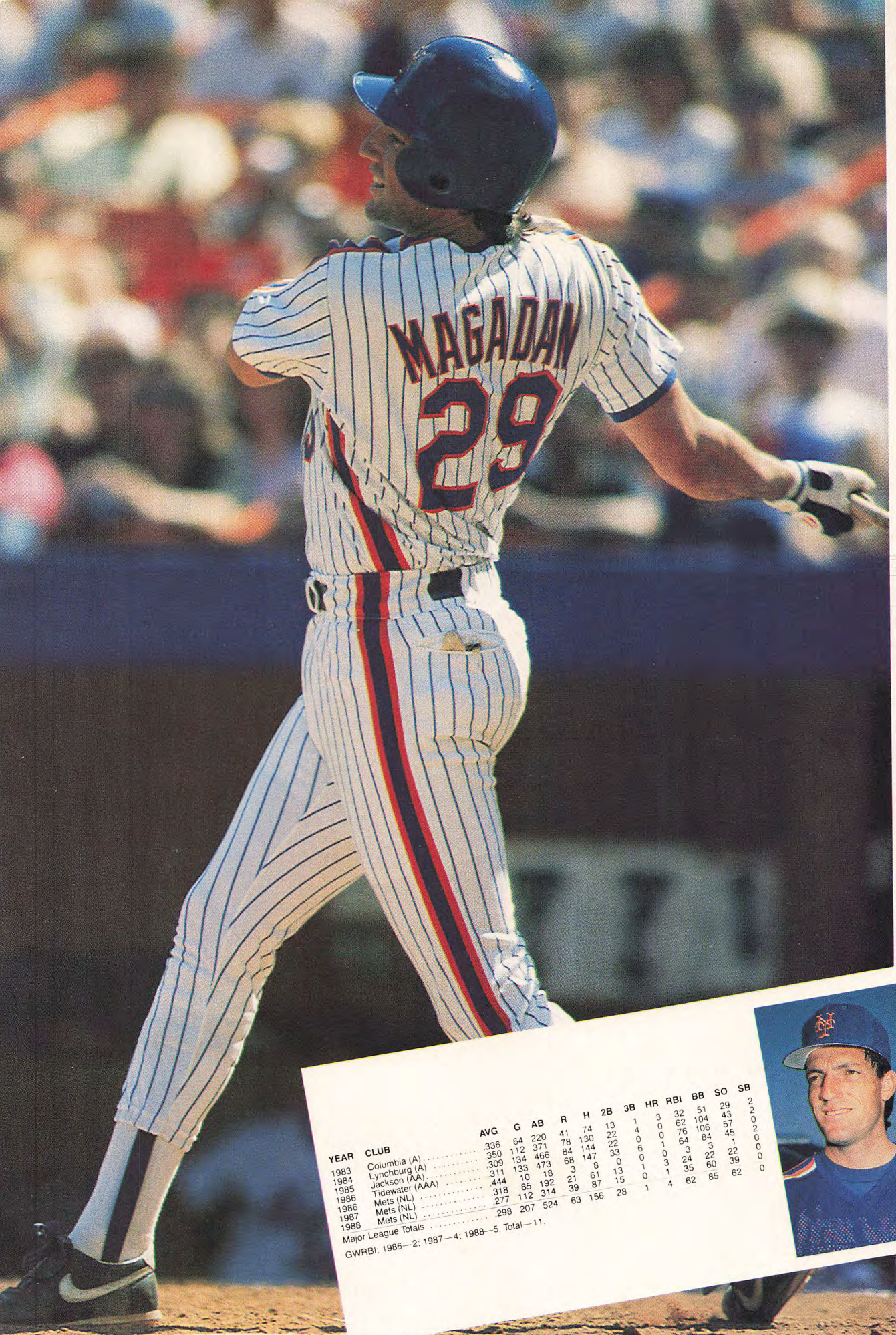

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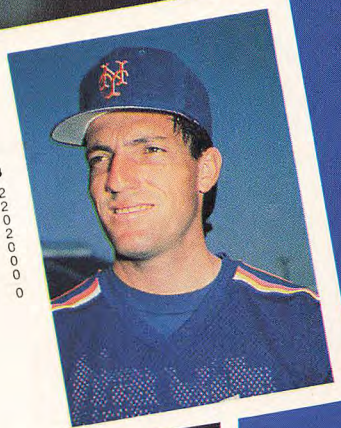
1983	Columbia (A)	.336	64	220	41	74	13	1	3	32	51	29	2
1984	Lynchburg (A)	.350	112	371	78	130	22	4	0	62	104	43	2
1985	Jackson (AA)	.309	134	466	84	144	22	6	0	76	106	57	0
1986	Tidewater (AAA)	.311	133	473	68	147	33	6	1	64	84	45	2
1986	Mets (NL)	.444	10	18	3	8	0	0	0	3	3	1	0
1987	Mets (NL)	.318	85	192	21	61	13	1	0	24	22	22	0
1988	Mets (NL)	.277	112	314	39	87	15	1	3	35	60	39	0
Major League Totals		.298	207	524	63	156	28	1	4	62	85	62	0

GWRBI: 1985—2; 1987—4; 1988—5. Total—11.



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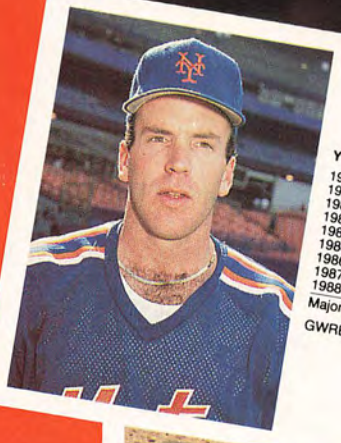


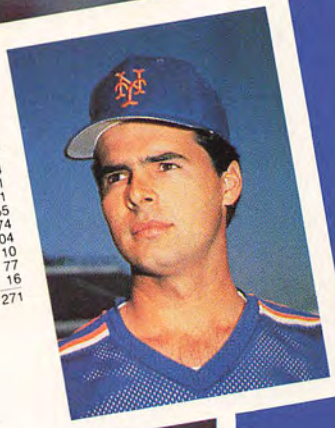
YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1982	Shelby (A)	.280	45	164	23	46	12	0	4	46	24	10	0
1983	Lynchburg (A)	.143	2	7	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
1983	Columbia (A)	.297	92	316	55	94	9	2	5	45	42	32	3
1984	Lynchburg (A)	.316	115	412	60	130	17	3	12	87	45	40	1
1985	Jackson (AA)	.307	126	486	69	149	34	6	11	108	25	67	3
1986	Tidewater (AAA)	.295	61	234	28	69	16	0	4	46	18	32	1
1987	Mets (NL)	.000	6	9	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	0
1988	Mets (NL)	.254	53	130	15	33	4	1	4	24	8	24	0
Major League Totals		.231	50	91	5	21	7	1	0	11	3	12	0
		.235	109	230	21	54	11	2	4	37	12	38	0

GWRBI: 1986—0; 1987—2; 1988—1. Total—3.

38 RICK AGUILERA

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1983	Little Falls (A)	5-6	3.72	16	15	4	2	0	104.	109	55	43	26	84
1984	Lynchburg (A)	8-3	2.34	13	13	6	3	0	88.1	72	29	23	28	101
1984	Jackson (AA)	4-4	4.57	11	11	2	1	0	67.	68	37	34	19	71
1985	Tidewater (AAA)	6-4	2.51	11	11	2	1	0	79.	64	24	22	17	55
1985	Mets (NL)	10-7	3.24	21	19	2	0	0	122.1	118	49	44	37	74
1986	Mets (NL)	10-7	3.88	28	20	2	0	0	141.2	145	70	61	36	104
1987	Tidewater (AAA)	1-1	0.69	3	3	0	0	0	13.	8	2	1	1	10
1987	Mets (NL)	11-3	3.60	18	17	1	0	0	115.	124	53	46	33	77
1988	Mets (NL)	0-4	6.93	11	3	0	0	0	24.2	29	20	19	10	16
Major League Totals		31-21	3.80	78	59	5	0	0	403.2	416	192	170	116	271

GWRBI: 1985—0; 1986—1; 1987—0; 1988—0. Total—1.



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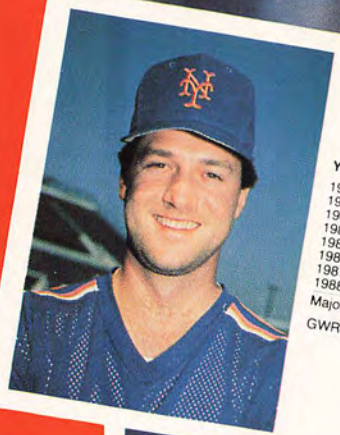

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1982	Shelby (A)	6-4	3.28	12	11	4	0	0	71.	61	34	26	30	40
1982	Lynchburg (A)	2-0	2.15	4	4	2	1	0	29.	26	12	7	11	23
1983	Jackson (AA)	11-12	4.86	27	26	9	1	0	172.	203	111	93	71	115
1984	Jackson (AA)	0-0	3.68	3	2	0	0	0	7.1	9	3	3	1	8
1985	Mets (NL)	6-5	2.83	62	2	0	0	17	127.1	108	43	40	37	70
1986	Mets (NL)	14-9	3.02	75	0	0	0	22	128.	107	48	43	42	65
1987	Mets (NL)	7-5	4.16	56	0	0	0	25	88.2	95	41	41	28	32
1988	Mets (NL)	5-5	2.63	62	0	0	0	16	89.	80	31	26	31	46
Major League Totals		32-24	3.18	255	2	0	0	80	433.	390	163	150	138	213

GWRBI: 1985—0; 1986—0; 1987—0; 1988—0. Total—0.

44 DAVID CONE

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1981	Sarasota	6-4	2.55	14	12	0	0	0	67.	52	24	19	33	45
1982	Charleston	9-2	2.06	16	16	1	1	0	105.	84	38	24	47	87
	Ft. Myers	7-1	2.12	10	9	6	1	0	72.	56	21	17	25	57
1983					INJURED—DID NOT PLAY									
1984	Memphis	8-12	4.27	29	29	9	1	0	179.	162	103	85	111	114
1985	Omaha	9-15	4.65	28	27	5	1	0	158.2	157	90	82	93	115
1986	Omaha	8-4	2.79	39	2	2	0	14	71.	60	23	22	25	63
1986	Kansas City (AL)	0-0	5.56	11	0	0	0	0	22.2	29	14	14	13	21
1987	Tidewater (AAA)	0-1	5.73	3	3	0	0	0	11.	10	8	7	6	7
1987	Mets (NL)	5-6	3.71	21	13	1	0	1	99.1	87	46	41	44	68
1988	Mets (NL)	20-3	2.22	35	28	8	4	0	231.1	178	67	57	80	213
Major League Totals		25-9	2.85	67	41	9	4	1	353.1	294	127	112	137	302

GWRBI: 1987—0; 1988—0. Total—0.

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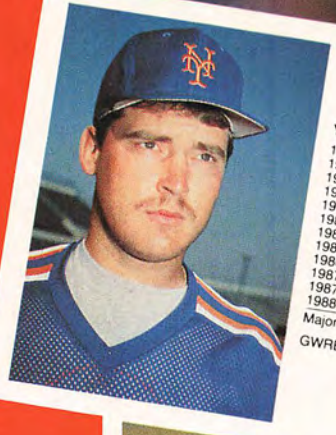

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1982	Kingsport (Rookie)	6-3	4.12	13	13	1	0	0	74.	68	49	34	69	86
1983	Columbia (A)	14-10	3.63	28	28	3	0	0	173.	146	94	70	108	164
1984	Lynchburg (A)	13-5	2.06	23	22	7	1	0	157.	123	46	36	61	171
1984	Jackson (AA)	2-1	2.06	5	5	1	0	0	35.	29	14	8	16	35
1985	Tidewater (AAA)	4-8	3.96	19	19	2	1	0	120.1	99	61	53	69	116
1985	Mets (NL)	1-1	1.84	8	7	0	0	0	44.	40	13	9	20	25
1986	Tidewater (AAA)	0-0	0.00	1	0	0	0	0	2.	0	0	0	1	2
1986	Mets (NL)	6-7	2.35	45	0	0	0	12	65.	44	19	17	44	79
1987	Tidewater (AAA)	0-0	4.22	10	0	0	0	3	7.1	11	5	5	9	13
1987	Mets (NL)	0-0	4.91	5	0	0	0	6	75.	6	4	4	4	13
1988	Mets (NL)	3-6	3.96	54	0	0	0	26	68.	61	36	33	30	92
Major League Totals		7-3	1.72	55	0	0	0	6	75.	45	15	13	17	69
		10-9	2.95	120	0	0	0	32	155.2	117	56	51	57	176

GWRBI: 1985—0; 1986—0; 1987—0; 1988—0. Total—0.

50 SID FERNANDEZ

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1981	Lethbridge (A)	5-1	1.54	11	11	2	1	0	76.	43	21	13	31	128
1982	Vero Beach (A)	8-1	1.91	12	12	5	4	0	84.2	38	19	18	38	137
1982	Albuquerque (AAA)	6-5	5.42	13	13	5	0	0	88.	76	54	53	52	86
1983	San Antonio (AA)	13-4	2.82	24	24	4	1	0	153.	111	61	48	96	209
1983	Los Angeles (NL)	0-1	6.00	2	1	0	0	0	6.	7	4	4	7	9
1984	Tidewater (AAA)	6-5	2.56	17	17	3	0	0	105.2	69	39	30	63	123
1984	Mets (NL)	6-6	3.50	15	15	0	0	0	90.	74	40	35	34	62
1985	Tidewater (AAA)	4-1	2.04	5	5	1	0	0	35.1	17	8	8	21	42
1985	Mets (NL)	9-9	2.80	26	26	3	0	0	170.1	108	56	53	80	180
1986	Mets (NL)	16-6	3.52	32	31	2	1	1	204.1	161	82	80	91	200
1987	Mets (NL)	12-8	3.81	28	27	3	1	0	156.	130	75	66	67	134
1988	Mets (NL)	12-10	3.03	31	31	1	1	0	187.	127	69	63	70	189
Major League Totals		55-40	3.33	134	131	9	3	1	813.2	607	326	301	349	774

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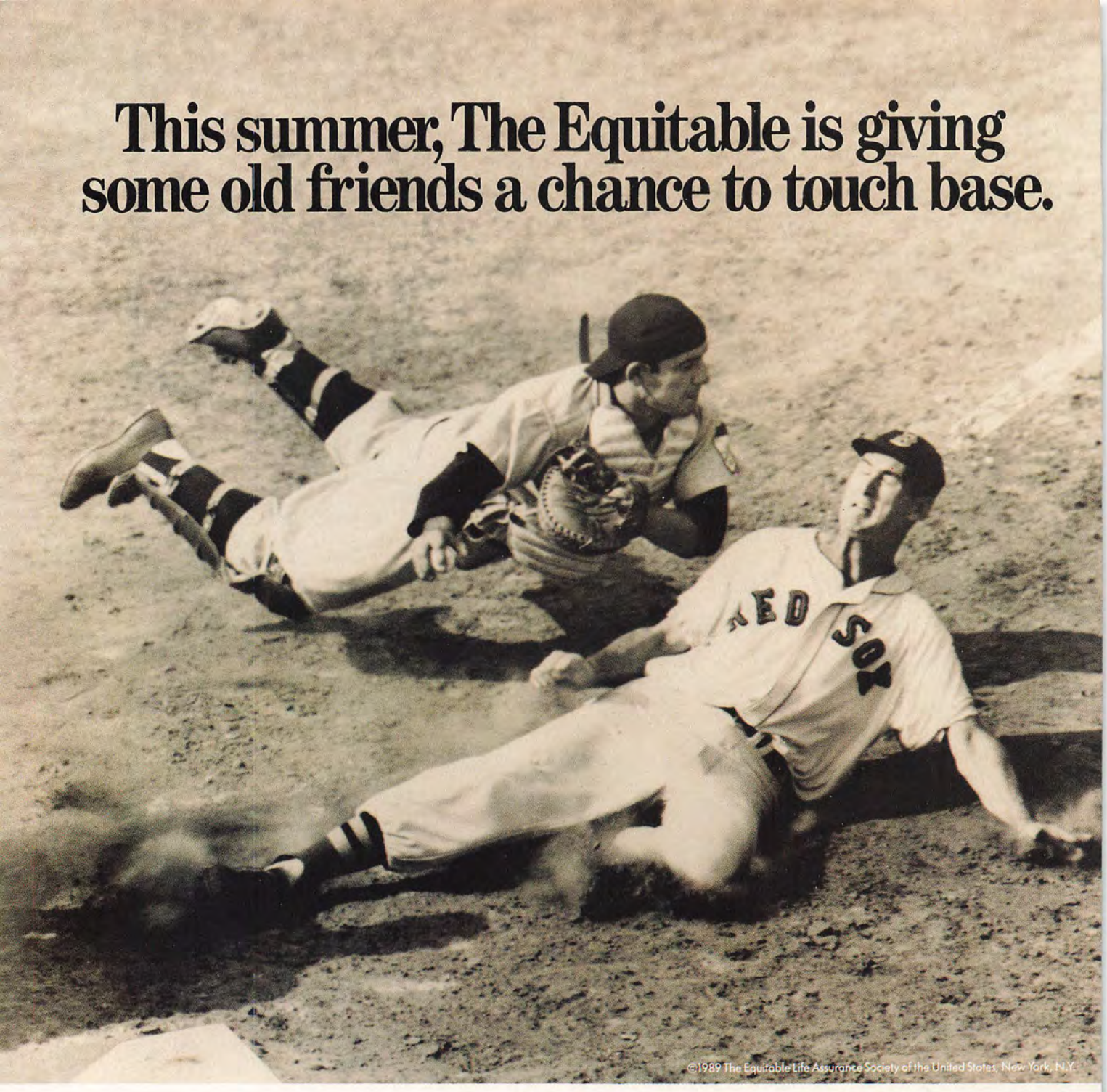

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They said that man would walk on the moon before the Mets won a pennant. Man barely won the race.

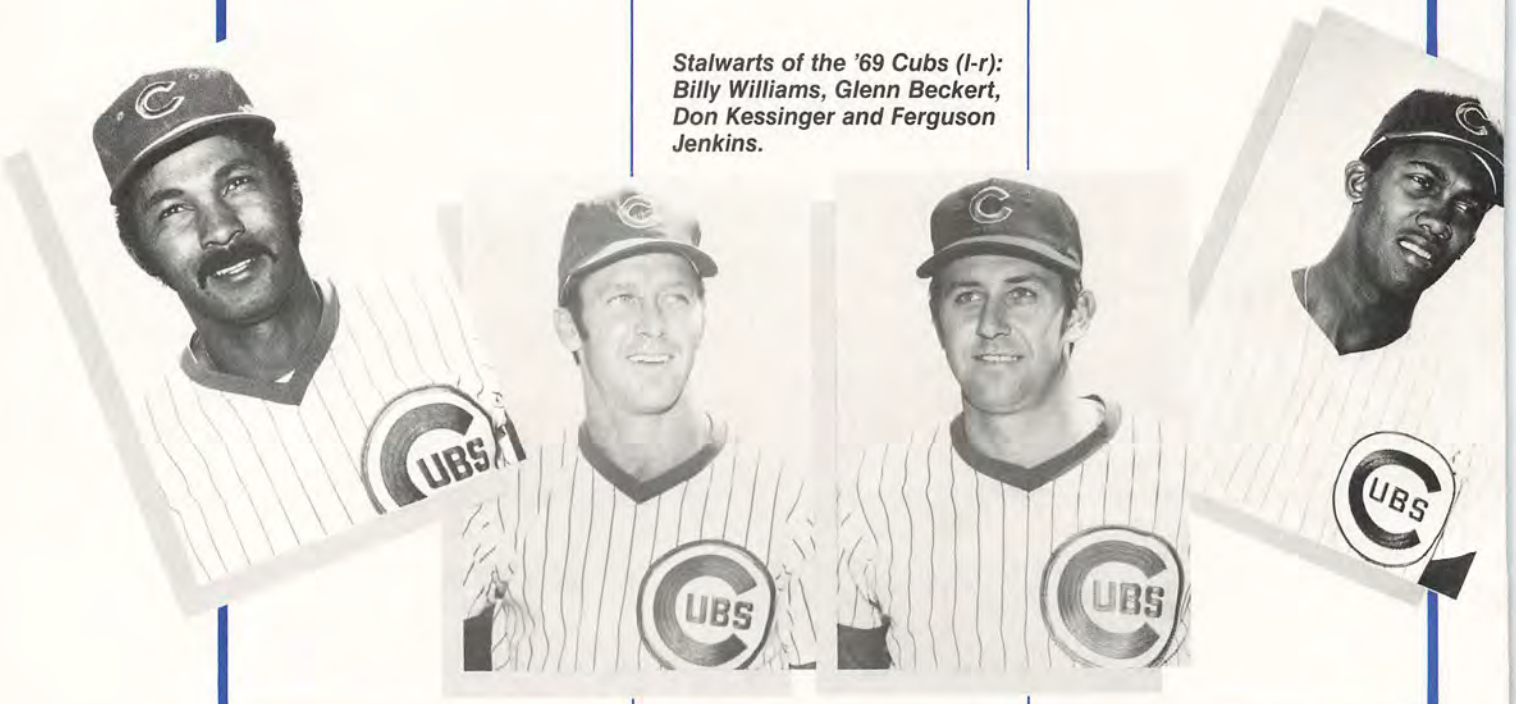
Early on the morning of July 21, 1969, the Mets sat in a deserted Montreal airport—their plane delayed because of mechanical difficulty—and watched in fascination a television screen as Neil Armstrong took his "one small step for man, one giant step for mankind." The Mets at the time were 4½ games behind the first place Chicago Cubs but those 4½ games seemed as far apart as Cape Canaveral and the Sea of Tranquility. Nobody took the Mets as serious contenders to Leo Durocher's veteran Cubs with people like Ernie Banks, Ron Santo, Billy Williams, Glenn Beckert and Don Kessinger in the daily lineup and Ferguson Jenkins, Bill Hands and Ken Holtzman the steady starters. The Mets were a bunch of young upstarts making some noise but the general consensus was the Cubs would win in the end.

But 50 days after the lunar landing, the Mets reached a new plateau themselves. By beating the Montreal Expos in extra innings on September 10, they moved ahead of the Cubs by the narrowest of margins - .001 of a percentage point. Two weeks later, on September 24, Gary Gentry out-pitched Steve Carlton and beat the St. Louis Cardinals, 6-0, as the Mets clinched the National League's Eastern Division title. The celebration at Shea Stadium that night rivalled the Times Square madness on V-J Day 24 years earlier.

When Neil Armstrong and his fellow astronauts returned to earth, part of the celebration included a parade up Broadway. The Mets were soon accorded the same celebrity treatment after streaking past the Atlanta Braves three straight for the National League championship then bouncing back from an opening game loss to whip the Baltimore Orioles four straight in the World Series. The final out come just 88 days after Armstrong set foot on the moon.

America was making plans for a lunar landing long before the Mets were born in 1962. By 1969, NASA was ready for the historic blast into space. But when the Mets reported for spring training that same year, they were no closer to respectability than they were their first seven years. In 1968, the first year of Gil Hodges' reign, the Mets had again finished in ninth place. The 73-89 record that year

Stalwarts of the '69 Cubs (l-r): Billy Williams, Glenn Beckert, Don Kessinger and Ferguson Jenkins.



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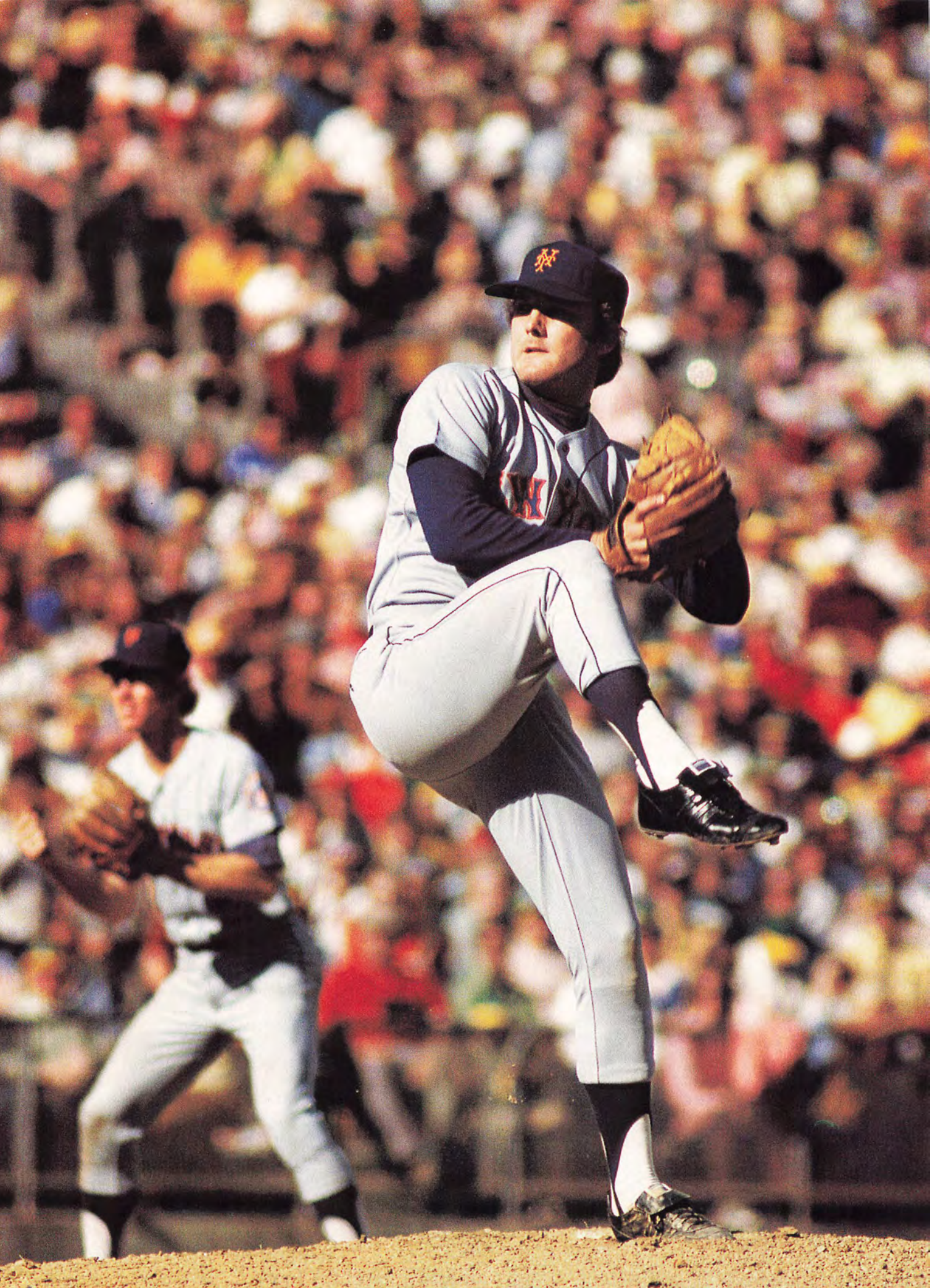

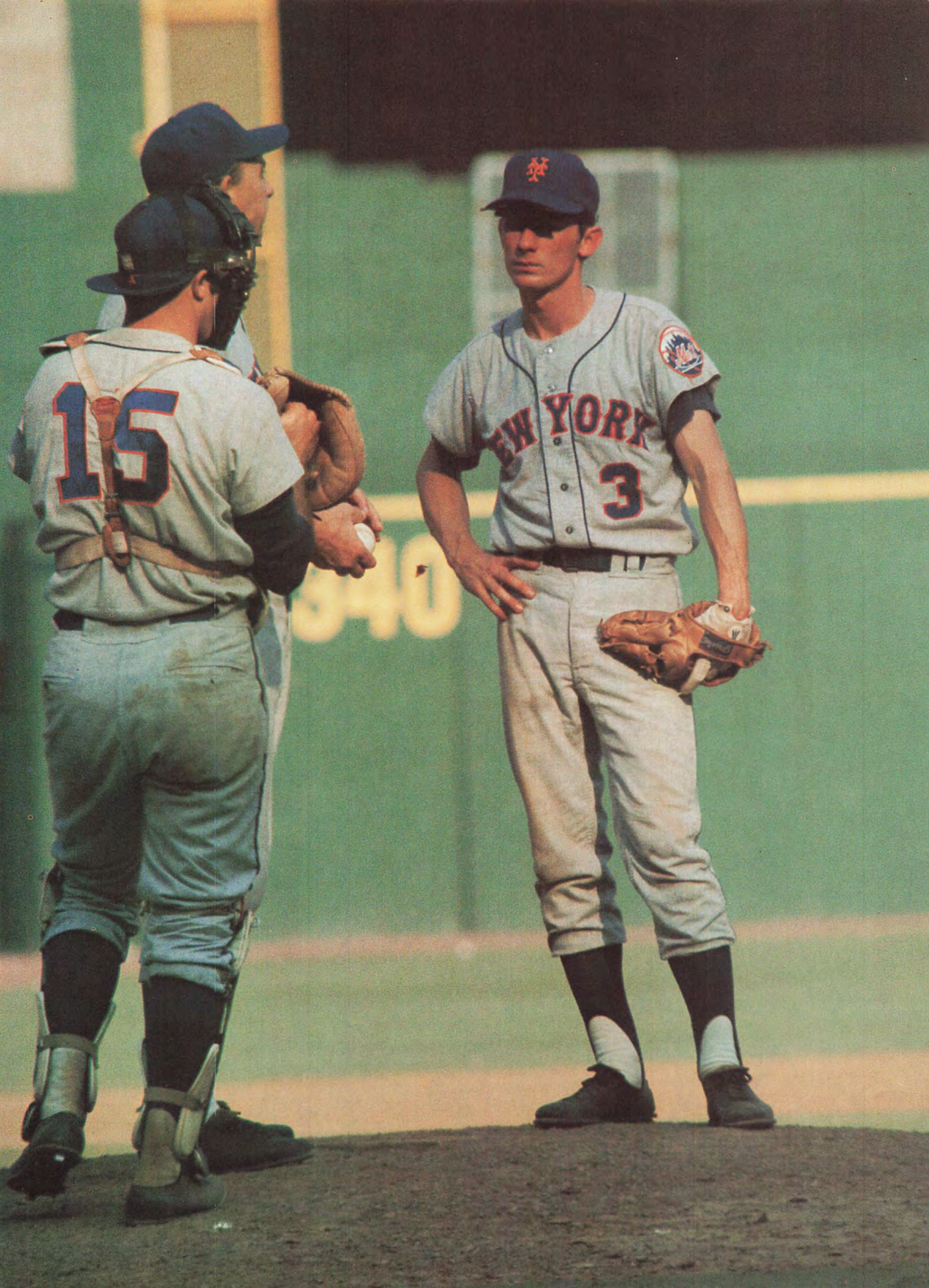
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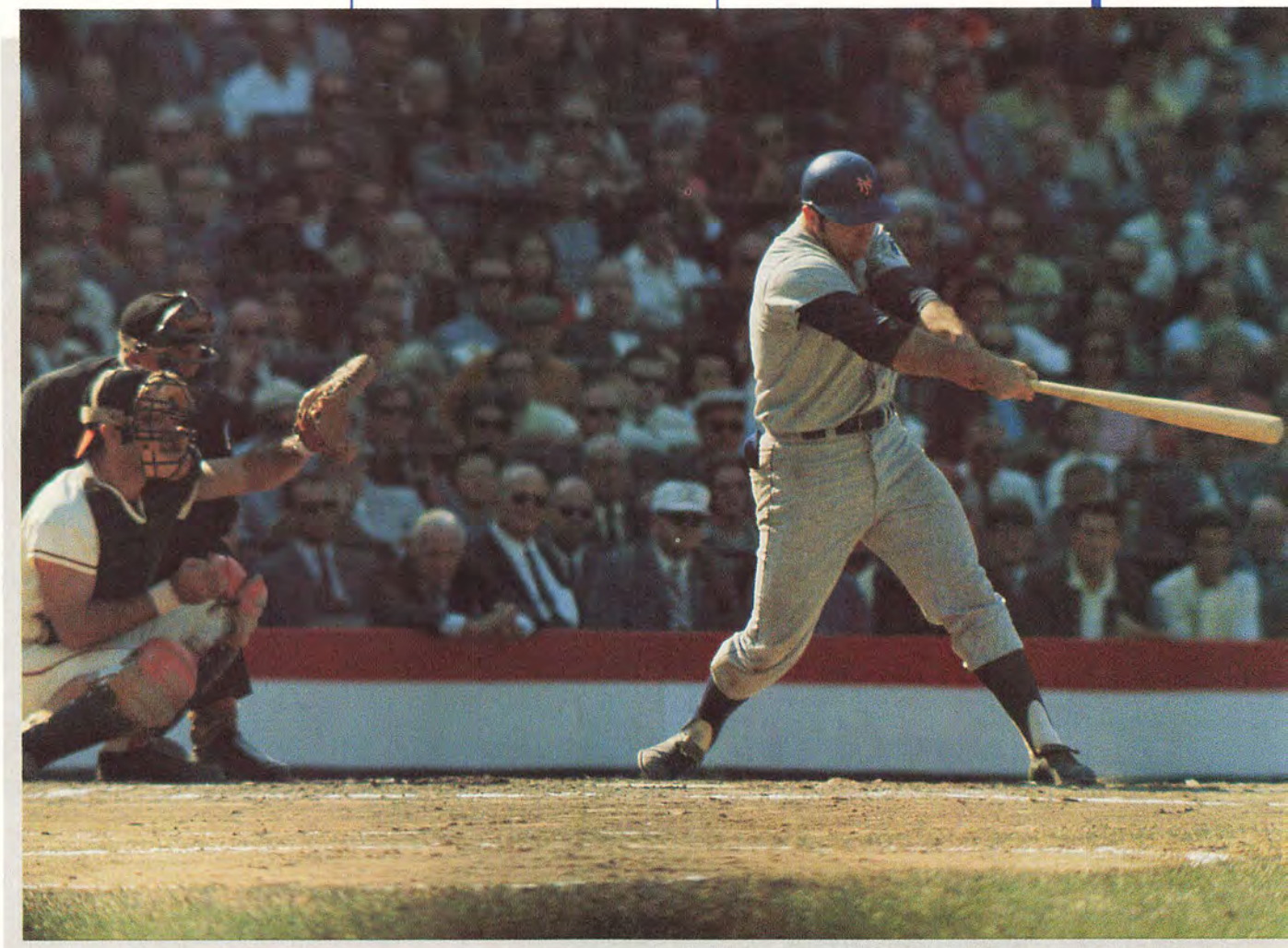
was the best the Mets had ever posted but it was hardly an indication the Mets were ready for the miracle that would follow.

The team that Hodges greeted in the spring of '69 was basically the same as the one that finished ninth the year before. The one difference in the starting staff was the arrival of Gary Gentry, who replaced Dick Selma. In the bullpen, Tug McGraw joined veterans Ron Taylor and Cal Koonce. The starting lineup remained the same with Ed Kranepool, Ken Boswell, Bud Harrelson and Ed Charles in the infield, Jerry Grote behind the plate and Cleon Jones, Ron Swoboda, Tommie Agee and Art Shamsky in the outfield. Two rookies who made the club were Rod Gaspar and Wayne Garrett.

In Las Vegas, the odds-makers regarded them as "the same old Mets" and listed them at odds of 100-to-1 to win.

What the bookies failed to take into consideration was the major change in the game. National League expansion to Montreal and San Diego had created a 12-team league and the powers-that-be decided on divisional play—six teams in the Eastern Division and six teams in the Western Division. That immediately assured the Mets of their highest finish ever. The could be no lower than sixth come October.

What the wise men also overlooked was the growing improvement of the Mets'



Jerry Grote, Manager Gil Hodges and Bud Harrelson confer on a pitching change.

Jerry Grote—handler of the "best young pitching staff" of the '69 season.

strong young arms. People like Tom Seaver, Jerry Koosman, Jim McAndrew and Nolan Ryan, with some experience under their belts, were ready to take their place with the league's best. Add another young lion like Gentry to that rotation and the Mets suddenly had what Pitching Coach Rube Walker would refer to as "the best young pitching staff I have ever seen."

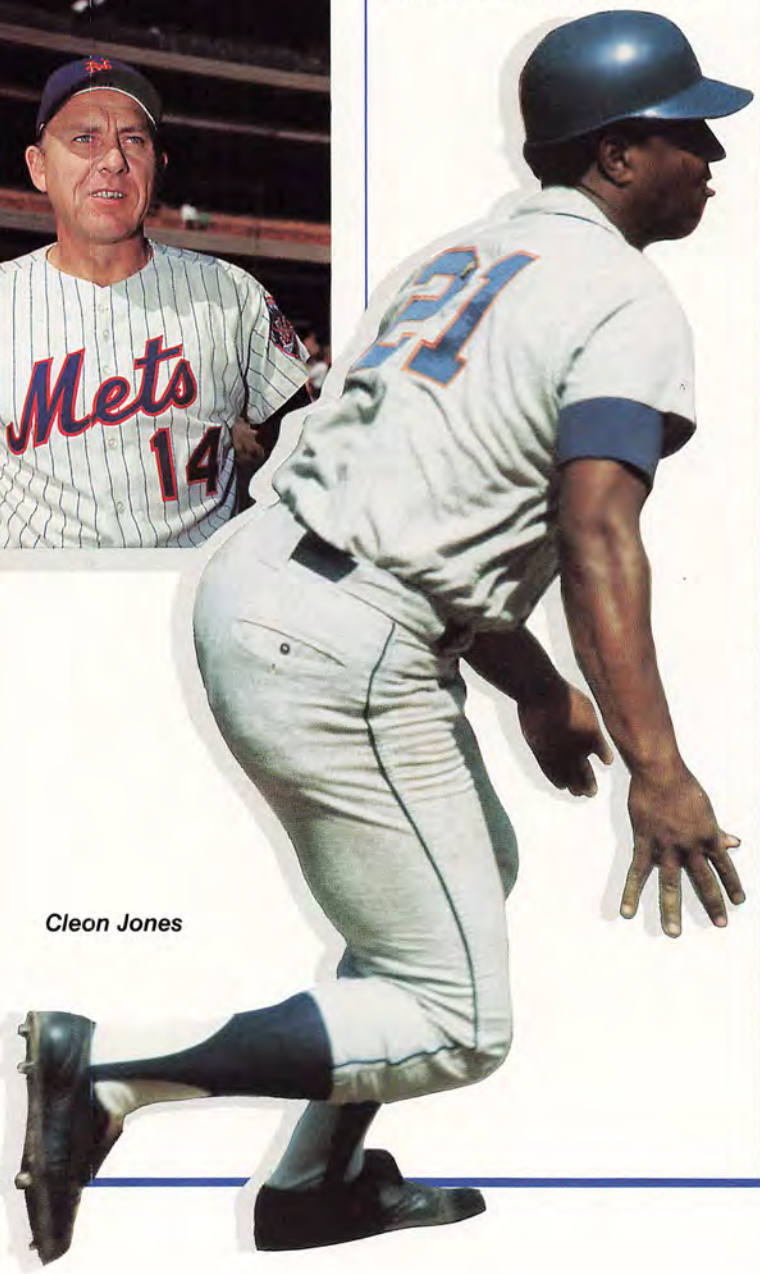
The best young pitching staff Walker ever saw didn't exactly remind anyone the first month of the season of the staff that would dominate the league six months later. As was their habit, the Mets lost Opening Day, 11-10, to the newly-formed expansion Montreal Expos. It was their eighth straight Opening Day defeat.

One month into the season, the Mets were entrenched in fourth place, six games behind the Cubs. The pitching was a big disappointment. Tom Seaver failed to win his first two starts and won only one of his first four. Jerry Koosman, who had won 19 as a rookie, was winless in his first two starts and by the end of the month was suffering from a shoulder problem. He would not pitch again until the final week in May. Don Cardwell, the oldest pitcher on the staff, lost four in a row and didn't win until the first week in May. Jim McAndrew was 0-for April and May and Gary Gentry, who looked so good winning his first two starts, then failed to win his next five.

In the bullpen, there were some signs of hope. Nolan Ryan won a pair of decisions but then pulled a groin muscle and was out for two months. But Tug McGraw showed promise by going 3-0.

All in all, there was not much for the Mets fans to get excited about. After one

Manager Gil Hodges



Cleon Jones

"Tom Terrific"

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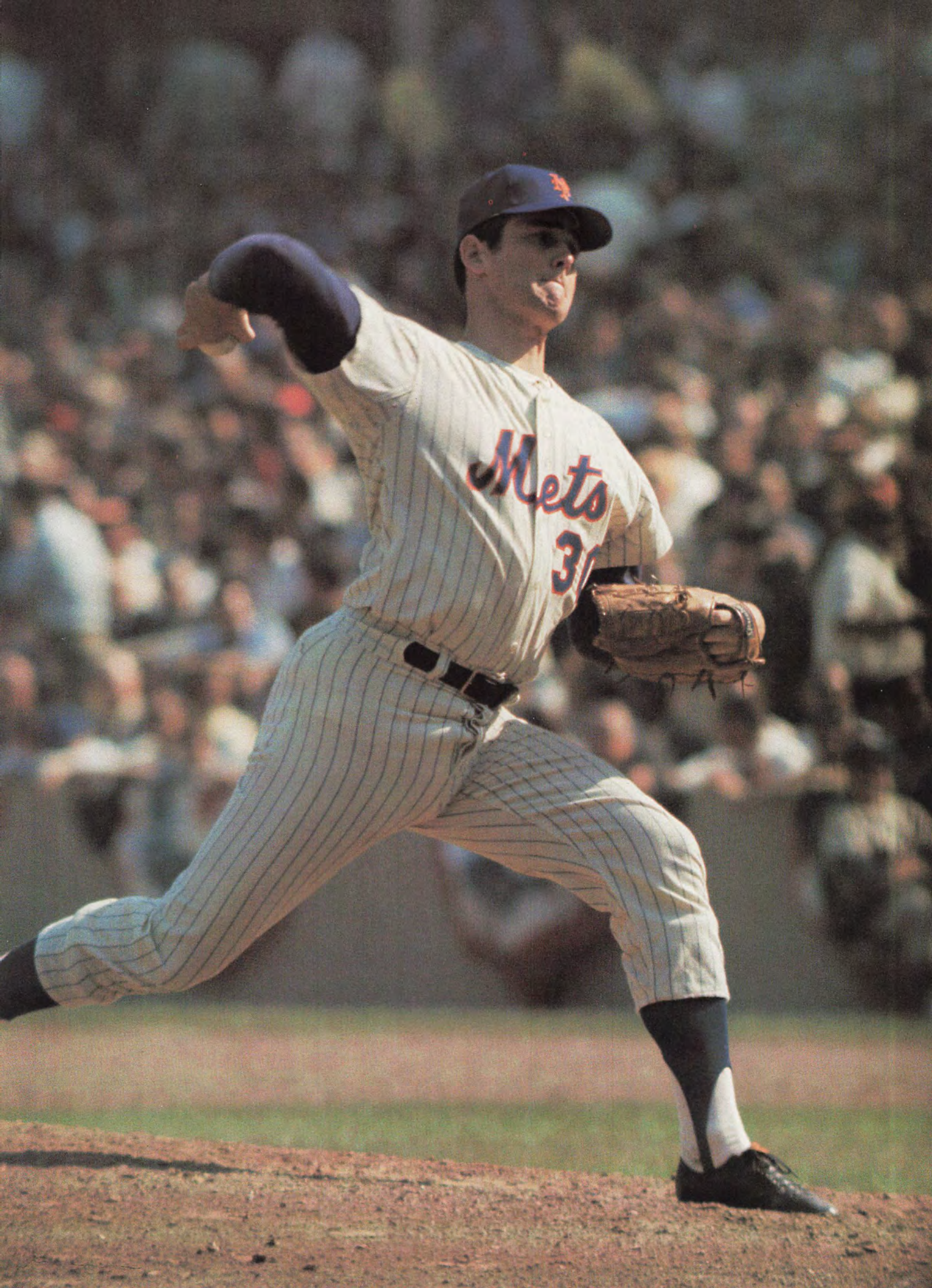
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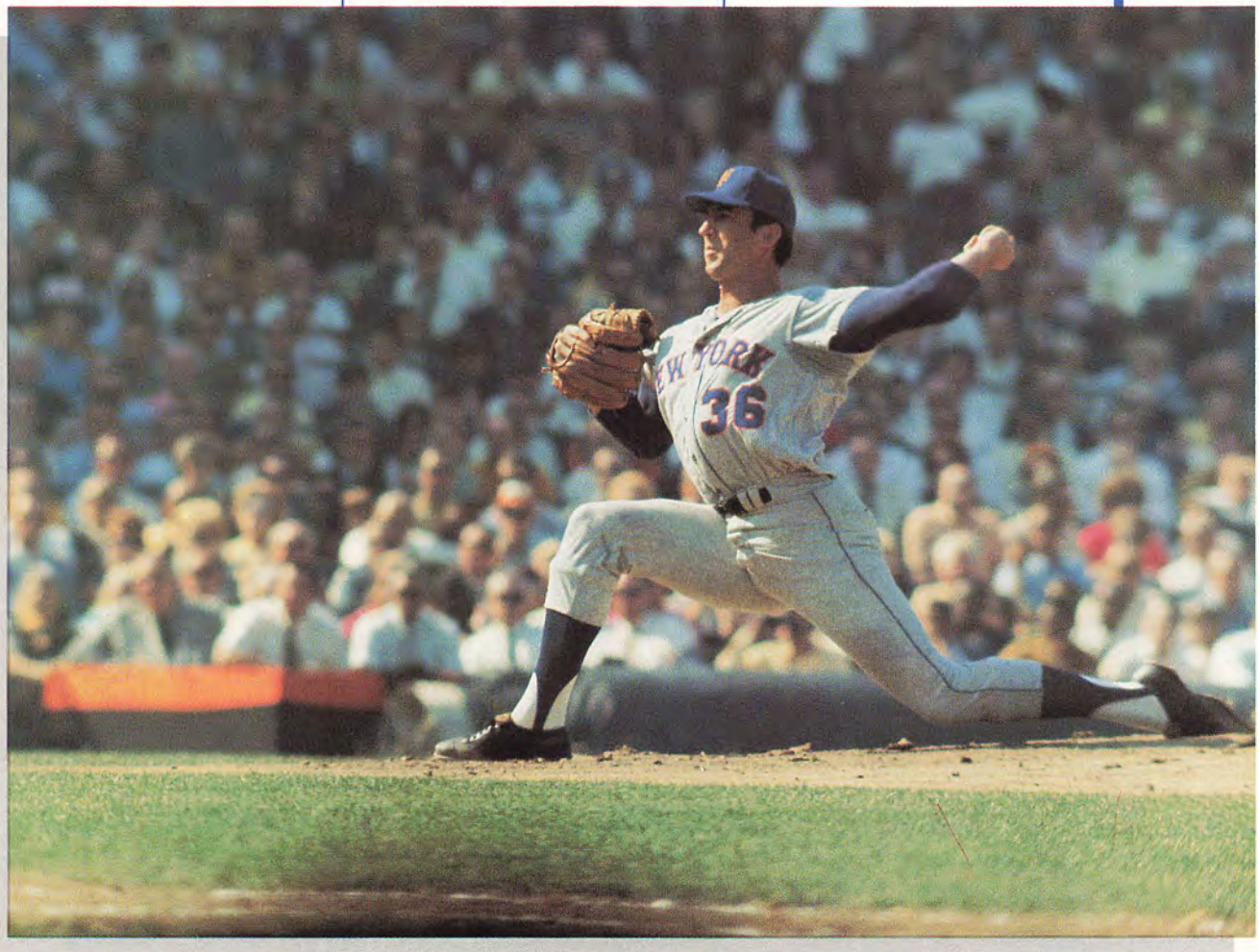
month the club's record was 12-15 and scoring runs again was a problem.

In their head-to-head battles with the Cubs - the team they would eventually have to beat - the Mets did not fare well. Chicago won three of the four games in the first series and two of four in the next confrontation.

The first indication that there may be better days ahead came at the end of May and in early June when the Mets rolled off 11 straight victories for what was then an all-time club record. Seaver won three, Gentry, Taylor and Koosman two and McGraw and Cardwell one each. The Mets were in second place at the end of their streak but still seven games out of first place.

The late Johnny Murphy, general manager at the time, knew he had a pitching staff that would keep the Mets in contention all year. But Murphy also knew the Mets needed a professional hitter in the middle of the lineup, someone who could prevent rival pitchers from pitching around people like Jones, Swoboda, Kranepool, Shamsky and Agee. On the morning of June 15, with the club in Los Angeles, Murphy got his man.

Murphy and Public Relations Director Harold Weissman alerted the press corps early that Sunday morning that there would be a noon announcement at Dodger Stadium. In the cab going out to the park with some scribes, Murphy was ecstatic.

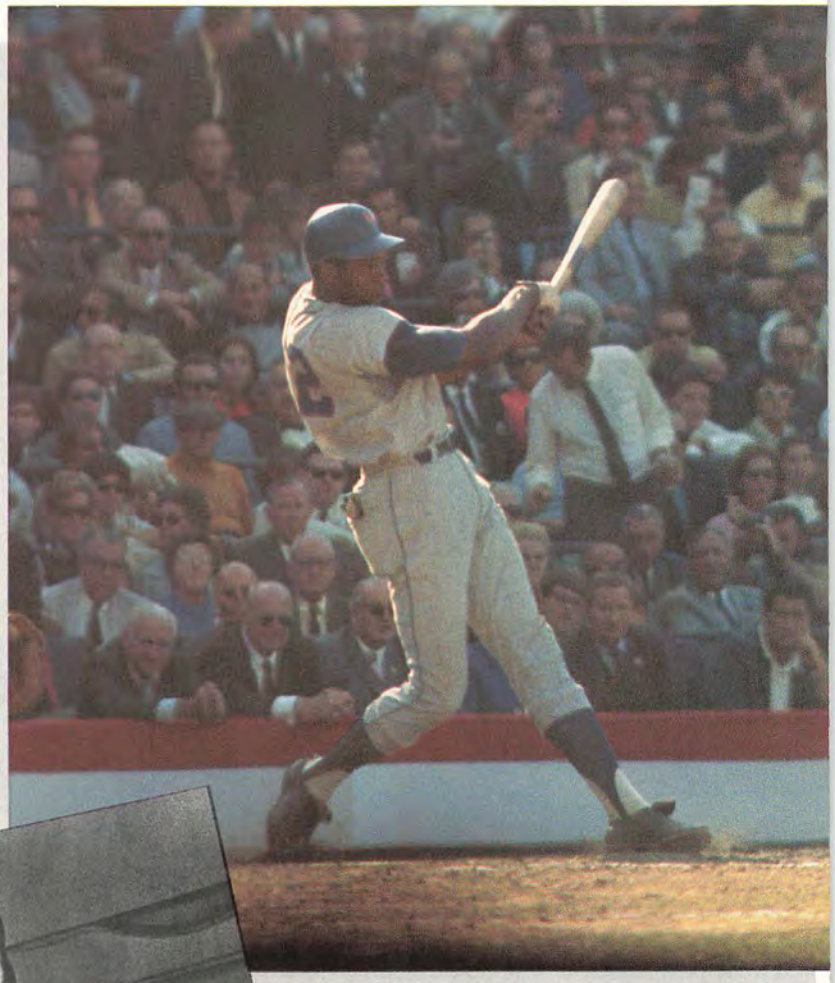


A young Nolan Ryan, now one of baseball's pre-eminent hurlers.

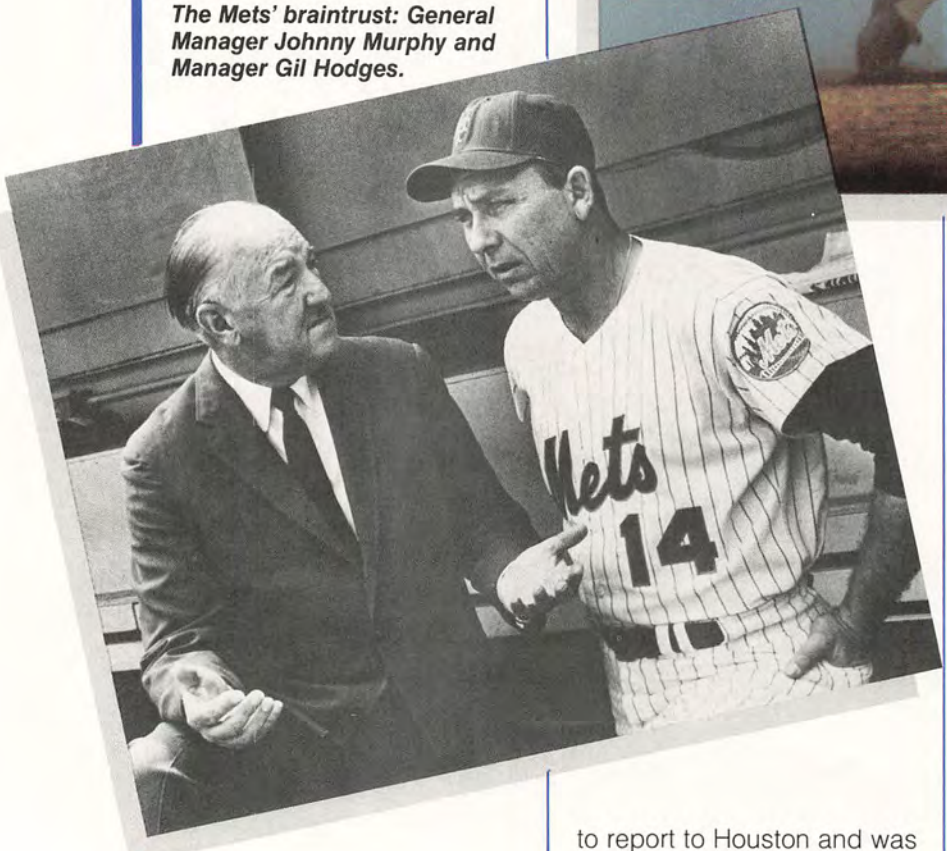
Jerry Koosman, who posted a 17-9 mark in his second season in 1969.

"Now we've got a chance," he exuded. "Now we've got a hitter."

The hitter Murphy had coveted and finally tracked down was Donn Clendenon, a righthanded-hitting first baseman with power. Clendenon had been drafted from Pittsburgh by Montreal in the expansion draft and "traded" to Houston for Rusty Staub. But he refused



The deal that made the '69 Mets: the acquisition of power hitter Donn Clendenon from Pittsburgh.

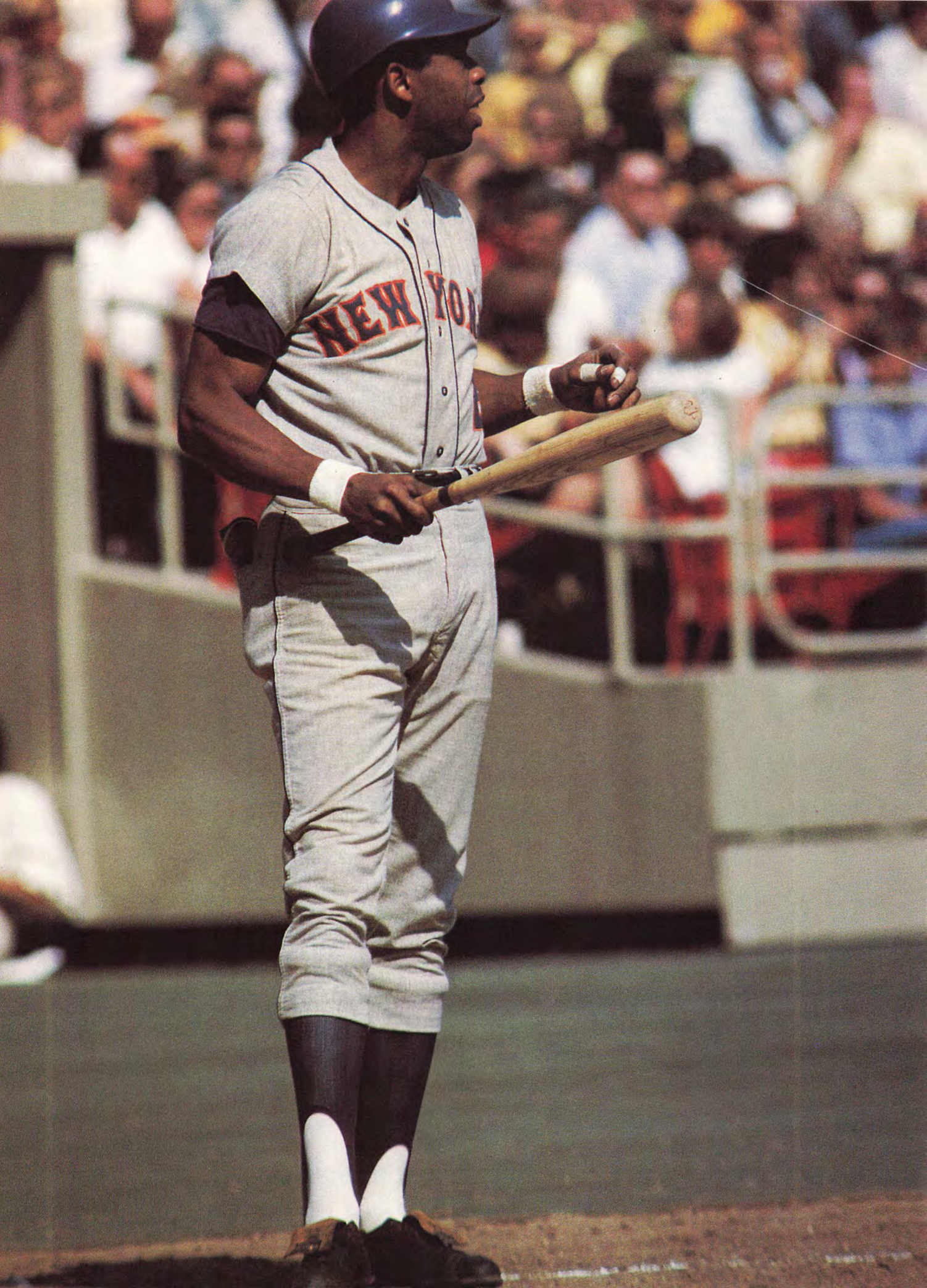


The Mets' braintrust: General Manager Johnny Murphy and Manager Gil Hodges.

to report to Houston and was wasting away on the Montreal bench when Murphy engineered his big deal. To land Clendenon, Murphy sent Montreal four players - Infielder Kevin Collins and Pitchers Steve Renko, Bill Cardon and Dave Colon.

The Clendenon deal was one of the best the Mets ever made. Not only did they get a power hitter who commanded respect but the mere presence of "Clink" in the lineup made better hitters of the rest of the boys.

In the middle of the Mets' 11 game winning streak—on June 2 to be precise—the team reached the .500 level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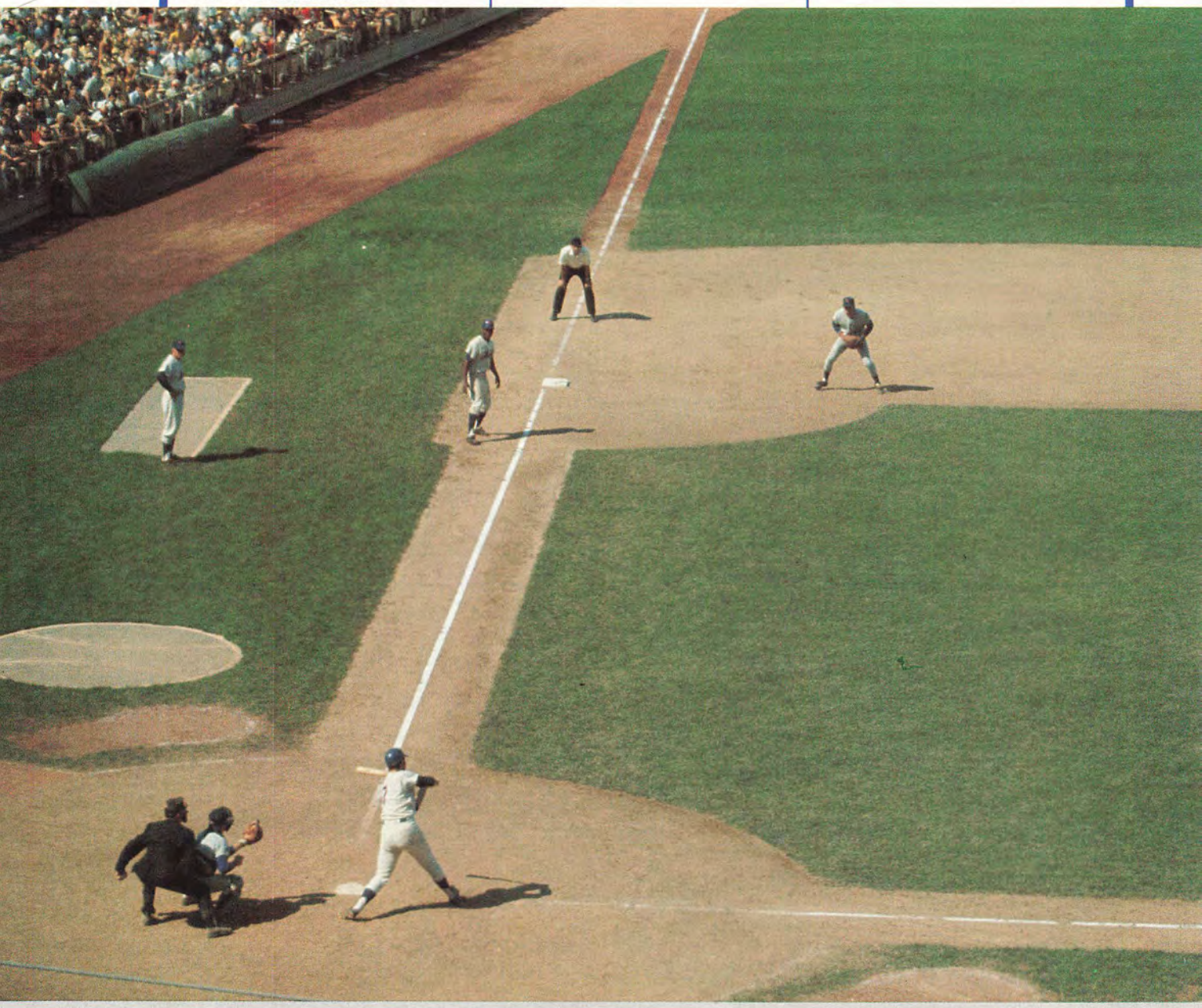
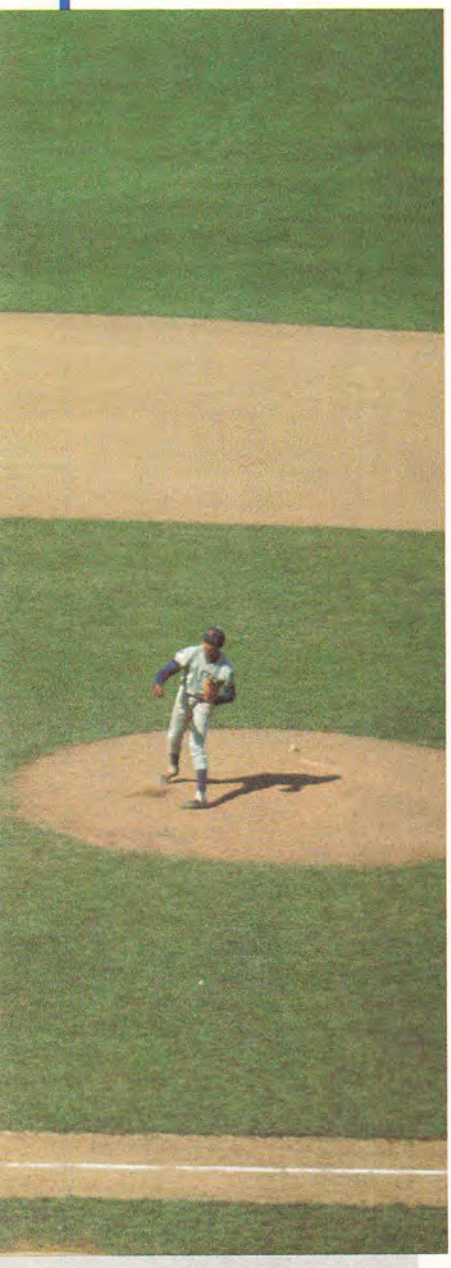
for the first time in history. Koosman's 2-1 win over Claude Osteen raised the Mets record to 23-23 and the next day Seaver beat the Dodgers again, 5-2, to lift them over .500. Two weeks later Clendenon arrived and Mets were on their way—or so they thought.

Despite the fact that they remained in second place, the Mets were not making any inroads on the Cubs' lead. As they approached the Fourth of July weekend, the Mets were still 7½ games behind Chicago. But a five game win streak put them within 5 games as they began one of the greatest series in Shea Stadium history.

Turning point: the mighty Cubs come into Shea.



Leo Durocher and his first place Cubs arrived at Shea after having lost three straight to the St. Louis Cardinals. But they still were five games in front of the Mets and had Jenkins, Holtzman and Hands ready to face Koosman, Seaver and Gentry.



Randy Hundley

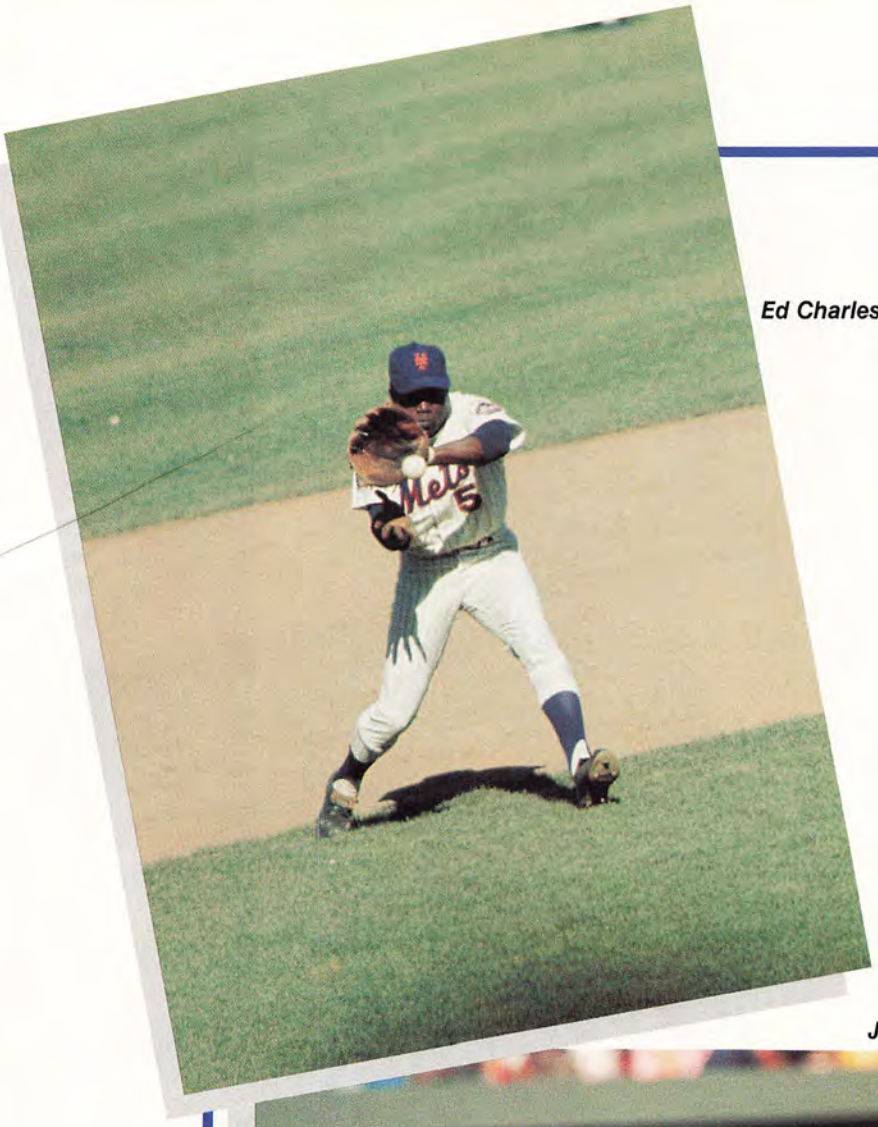
Leo Durocher

Koosman won the opening game, 4-3, when Ed Kranepool looped an opposite field single in the ninth inning to drive in the winning run. The Cubs' lead was now reduced to four games.

The next night Seaver and Holtzman locked horns in a classic duel—a game Seaver would later refer to as "My Imperfect Game." There were 50,709 screaming fans in the stands that night and they were about to be treated to one of the greatest pitching performances in Mets history. But not before the Cubs were given an ominous sign.

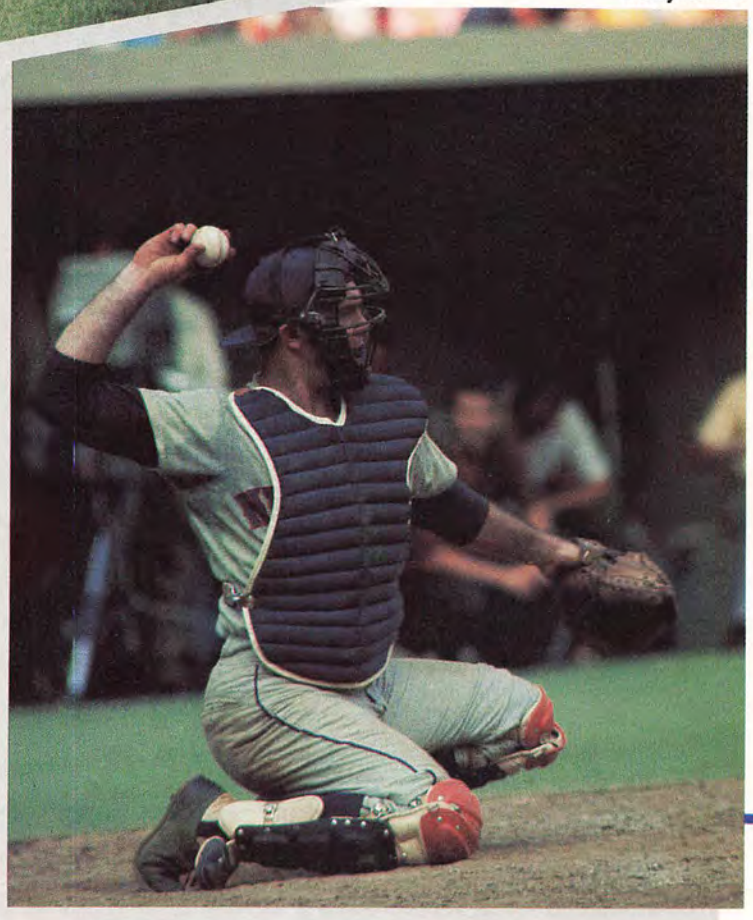
The July 9th night game had just begun when a black cat emerged from behind home plate and streaked to the area in front of the Chicago dugout. The cat stopped, looked in at the Cubs, and then skittered off to disappear under the box seats behind third base.

Durocher would later insist the black cat was purposely released by the Mets, a fact they vehemently denied. But there was no denying the near invincibility of Seaver that night. For eight innings, Tom Terrific pitched perfect ball while the Mets pecked away at Holtzman for a 4-0 lead.



Ed Charles

Jerry Grote



As Seaver took the mound in the ninth, he received a standing ovation from the sellout crowd. And when Randy Hundley tried to beat out a bunt to open the inning, he was roundly booed. But Seaver handled the bunt cleanly and threw Hundley out. Now Tom was only two outs away from a no-hitter and a perfect game. But his date with immortality was postponed by Jimmy Qualls, who lined Seaver's first pitch to center for a clean single. If the perfect game was lost, the victory was not. Seaver retired the next two batters to complete a 4-0 victory and move the Mets to within three games of first place.

On the following afternoon, Bill Hands beat Gentry, 6-2, and the Cubs were again four games up. When reporters asked Durocher after the Chicago victory if these were "the real Cubs," Leo snarled. "No," he shot back, "those were the real Mets."

But Leo and the Cubs knew otherwise. The Mets had taken two out of three from them and the Cubs players realized that these brash kids from New York were not going to go away. They would have to contend with them all year.

One week later in Chicago, the Mets and Cubs went to war again. The three-game series in Wrigley Field attracted sellout crowds for all games. The Mets, who came into the series trailing by 4½ games, were at a decided disadvantage—or so they thought. Shortstop Bud Harrelson, the guts of their infield, was off in the Army serving his two weeks at summer camp. That left

The unlikely hero—Al Weis, who was named the World Series MVP by the Baseball Writers Association.

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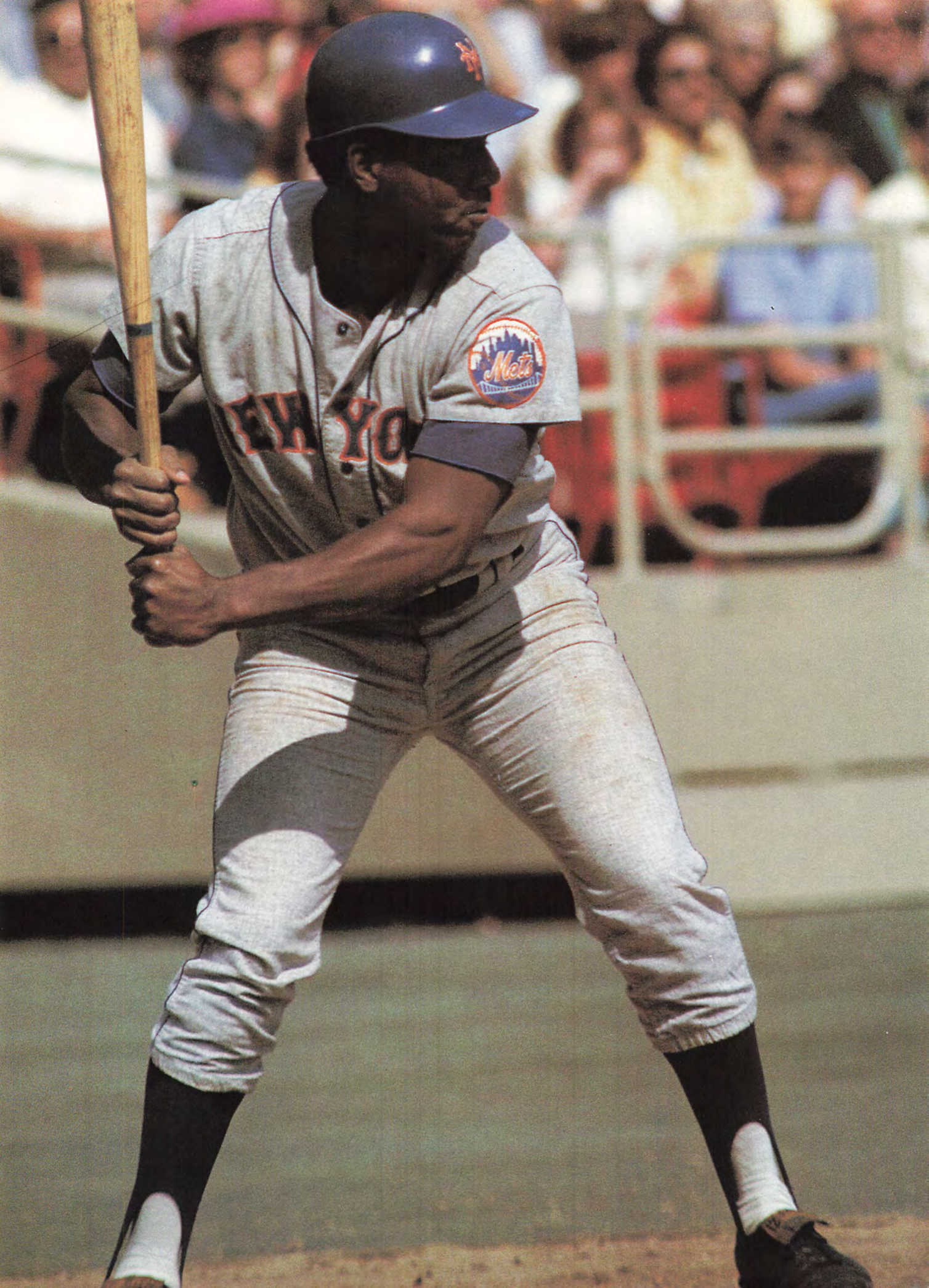
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the all-important shortstop work up to utility infielder Al Weis.

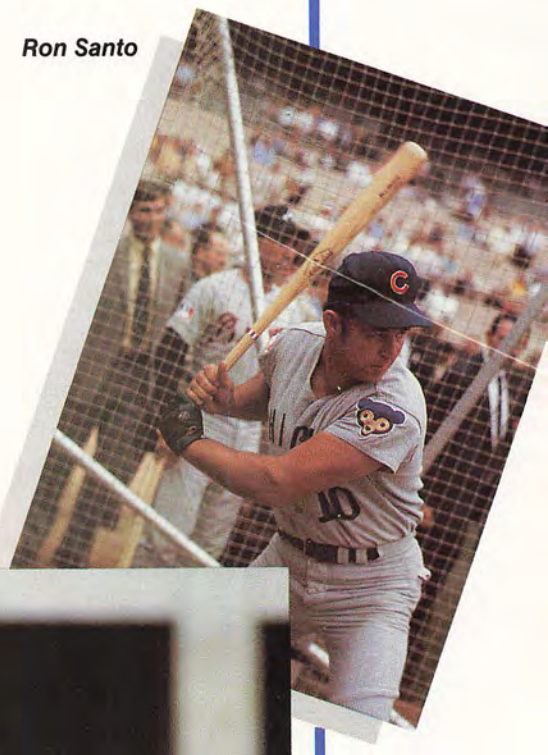
Seaver lost a 1-0 heart-breaker to Hands in the opener and the Cubs upped their lead to 5½ games. Ron Santo did his famous heel-clicking dance in left field after the victory and the left field Bleacher Bums were delirious. But the next day Gentry beat former Met Dick Selma, 5-4, and the big blow of the game was a three-run homer by Weis—his first of the season. When the Mets took the rubber game of the series the next day with Cal Koonce getting the win in relief, Weis hit his second and only other home run of the season to help in the 9-5 victory.

The Mets left Chicago trailing by 3½ games on July 16. One month later, on August 13, they appeared hopelessly out of it when they dropped 9½ games behind the Cubs. It was their biggest deficit of the season. Terrible things had happened to the Mets following their wonderful series in Chicago. The team that had been playing 14 games over .500 suddenly went into a tailspin and played at an 11-14 record for three weeks.

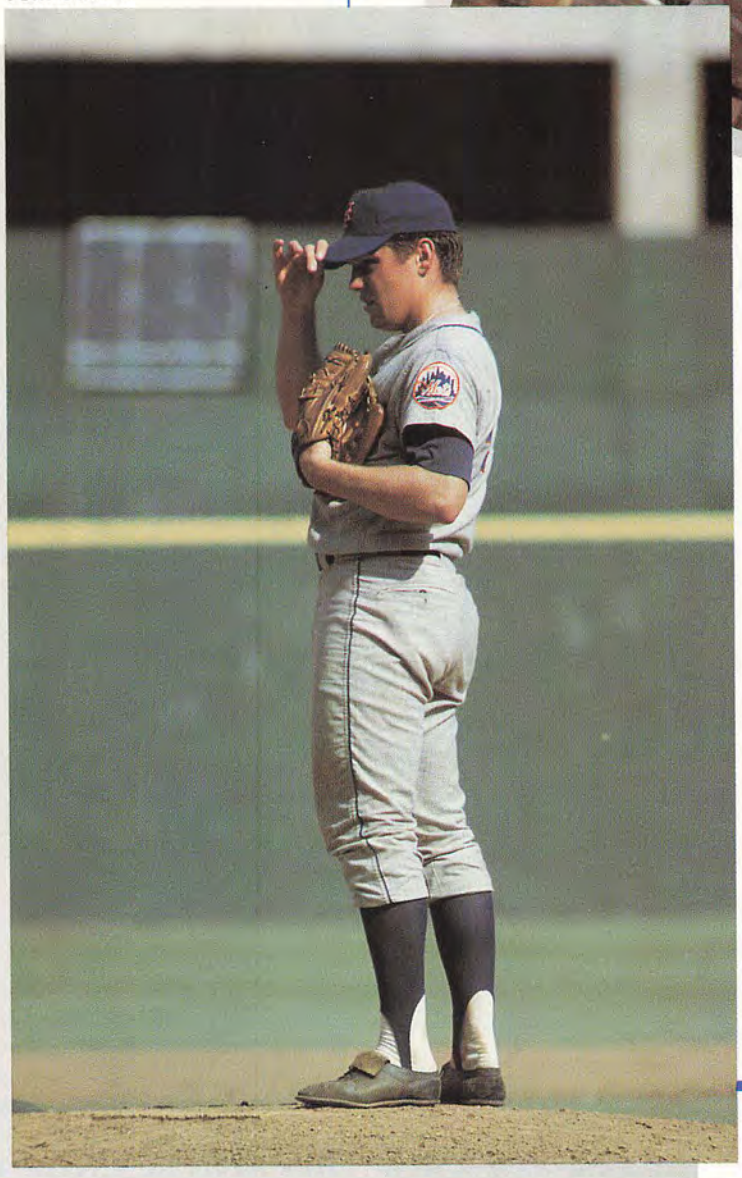
In the midst of their slide was a bleak afternoon at Shea Stadium, July 30, when the Mets dropped a doubleheader to the Houston Astros. They didn't just lose two games, they were annihilated. Houston won the opener 16-3 and completed

Cleon Jones, who hit .340 in 1969, a Mets single season record that still stands.

Ron Santo



Tom Seaver



the sweep with an 11-5 win in the second game. Koosman and Gentry were clobbered. It was a day that would go down in Mets lore but not for the one-sided games.

In the third inning of the second game, the Astros exploded for 10 runs. In that inning, Gil Hodges detected a lackadaisical effort by Cleon Jones in pursuit of a ball hit into the left field corner. Emerging from the dugout and walking in slow, deliberate steps, the manager began what everyone thought was a trip to the mound. But Hodges didn't stop at the mound. He walked right past it, right past the shortstop and on into left field. It was an astonishing sight that no one had seen before.

When he got to left field, Hodges confronted Jones to inquire if there was anything physically wrong with him. There wasn't. Then Hodges did a complete turnabout and walked just as slowly back to the dugout. Only this time, trailing behind him and with his head hanging low, was a contrite Cleon Jones. Cleon was the Mets' leading hitter with a .351 average but he was removed from the game for lack of hustle.

If it was Hodges' way of showing the Mets he would tolerate nothing less than a one hundred percent effort, the desired results were not achieved. The Mets also lost the next day and two weeks later found themselves further behind the Cubs than they had been all year. The date was August 13 and the deficit was 9½ games. The Mets had made a valiant effort but they were not quite ready to walk on the moon.

Returning home from Houston where they had been swept in three games, the Mets faced doubleheaders on consecutive days. Fortunately, they were against the expansionist San Diego Padres. Seaver and Taylor combined to win the first game August 16 by a 1-0 score. In the second game, McAndrew and McGraw teamed for a 2-1 win. The next day, Koosman and Cardwell pitched the Mets to another doubleheader sweep over the Padres.

Those four victories in two days would start the Mets on the streak that would eventually bring them the division crown. For while they were winning 38 of their last 49 games, the Cubs were beginning to slip. Chicago held a 9½ game lead on August 13. Two weeks later the Mets had cut that lead to two games. It would get up to five games again by Labor Day weekend but by September 10th, the Mets had moved into first place by .001 of a percentage point. But once they got there, they never left.

The Mets' pitching down the stretch was fantastic. Seaver won 10 in a row. Koosman won eight of nine decisions. Winning streaks were common. There were two of six games, another of ten and another of nine games to close out the season.

In a late August home stand, the Mets won nine out of 10 from the Giants, Dodgers and Padres. The August 19 game against the Giants was a particular

July 30, 1969. Manager Gil Hodges makes his long trip to left field during the game with the Houston Astros.

classic and was typical of the miracles the Mets were performing. One of their long-time tormentors was Juan Marichal. But in this game, the Mets went 14 innings to beat Marichal, 1-0, on a solo homer by Tommie Agee.

That game also was marked by a bit of Hodges' managerial genius. In the 13th inning, with Willie McCovey at bat, Hodges ordered a defensive shift. Shortstop Bobby Pfeil was assigned to cover the left field corner. Left Fielder Cleon Jones was moved into left center and center and right fielders were moved over to cover the right center and right field corner areas. Hodges was willing to let McCovey push a single through the wide open infield but he didn't want to risk an extra base hit. Sure enough, McCovey sent a screaming liner to left center which Jones nailed leaping against the wall.

Following that 1-0 victory, the Mets shut out the Giants again the next day when Jim McAndrew beat Gary Ross, 6-0.

Following that successful home stand, the Mets traveled to the west coast where they usually did not play well. But this time they won seven out of 10 and when they came home to face the Phillies, Seaver beat Grant Jackson, 5-1, to launch a streak in which the Mets would win 14 of 16. It was in that stretch they moved into first place for the first time. The 100-to-1 shots of spring training were about to come home.

One big series with Chicago remained to be played at Shea on

Fans pour onto the field after the Mets clinch the Eastern Division title with a victory over the Cardinals, September 24.

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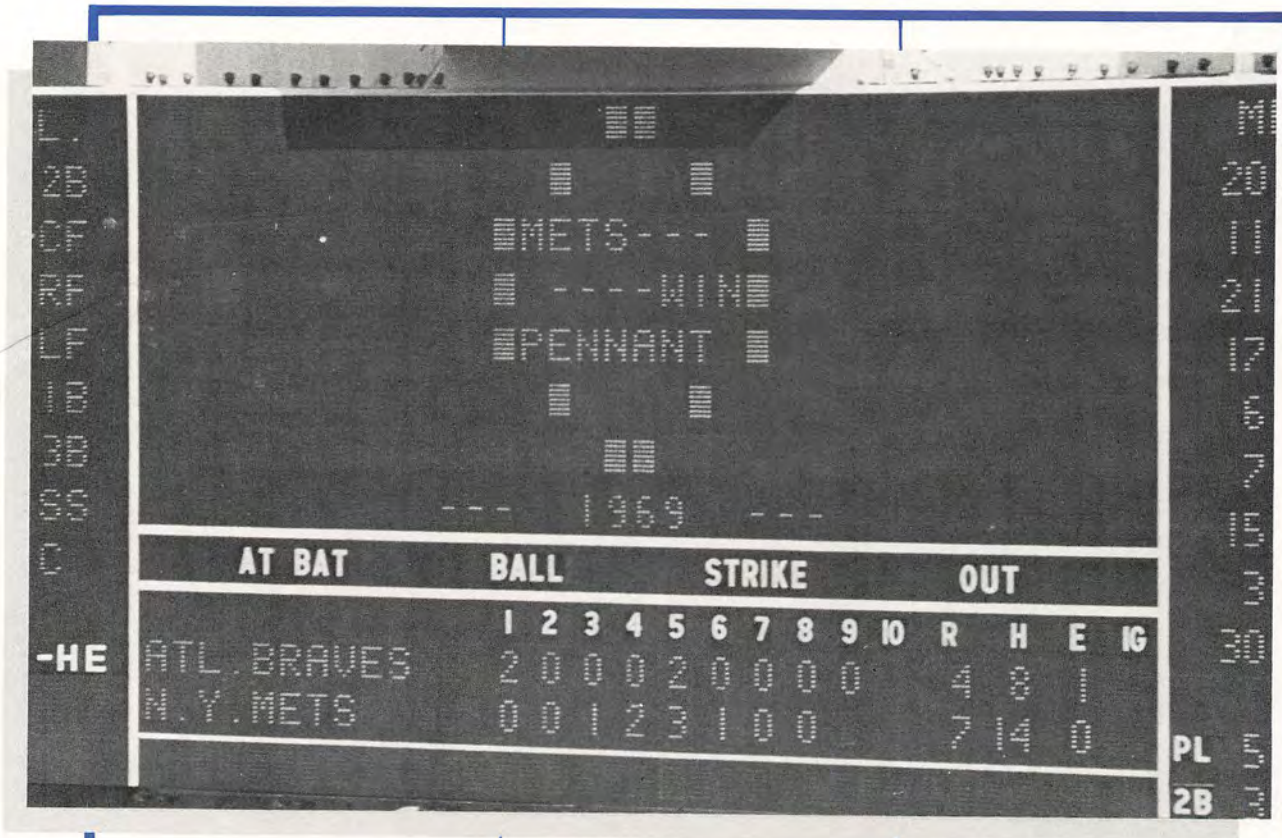

The Mets win the National League pennant.

September 8 and 9. The Cubs, who felt comfortable with an 18-10 record in August, were beginning to feel the Mets heat. They were on a four game losing streak when they arrived at Shea. They would leave in a six game losing streak and would lose two more before it ended. But while the Mets were winning, winning, winning, the Cubs could not turn it around. They dropped 11 out of 12 in early September and lost first place as well.

The Mets swept the Cubs in their two games with Koosman and Seaver beating Hands and Jenkins. Seaver's win left the Mets just one half game out of first place and the next night the Mets' extra inning win put them on top.

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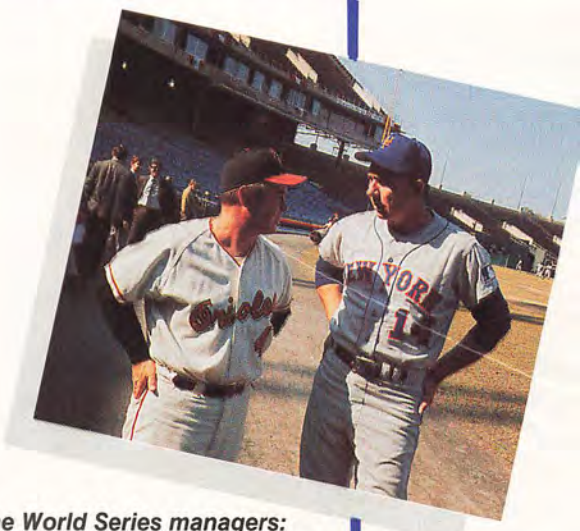
Once in first place, the Mets just kept adding to their lead and on September 24, when Gentry beat Carlton, 6-0, the Mets were the champs of the Eastern Division.

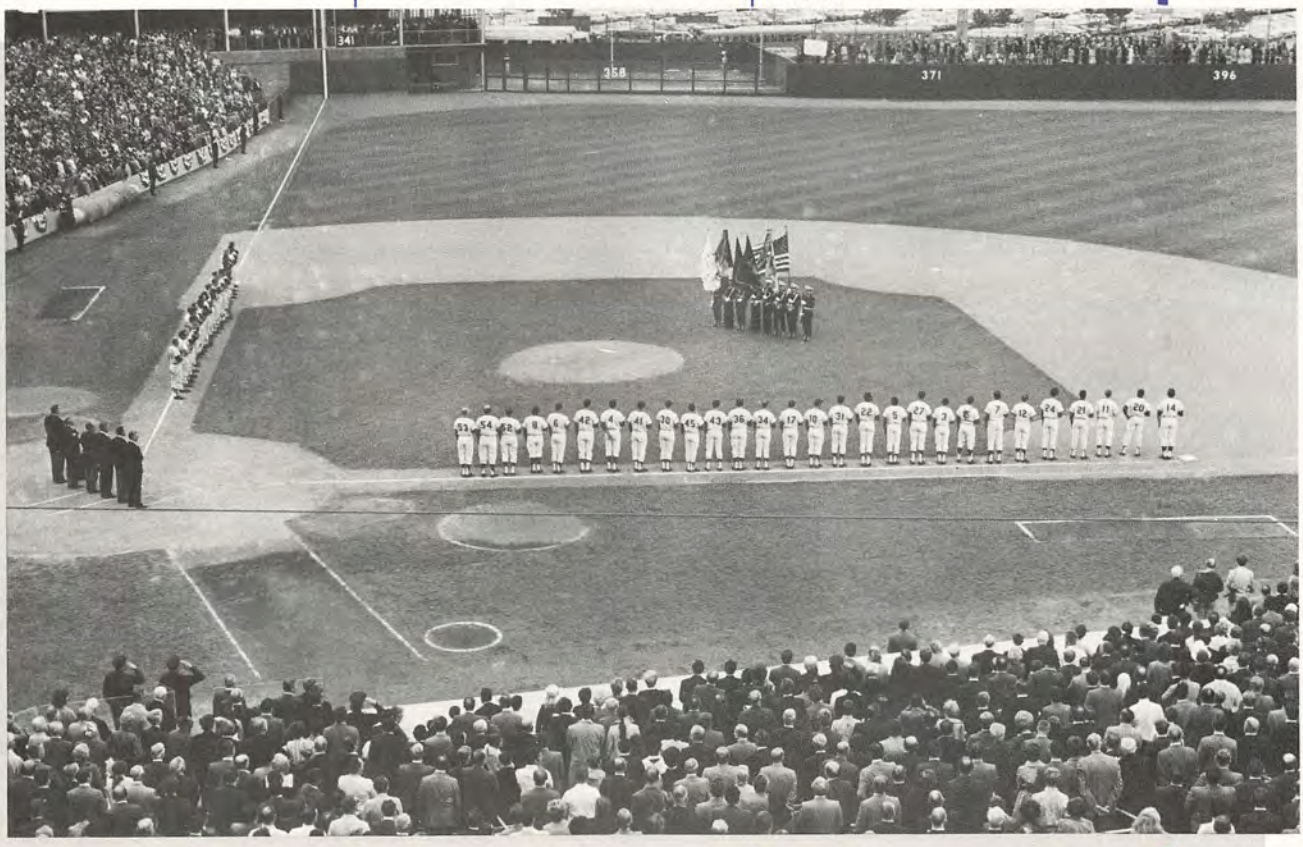
The next big step was winning the pennant. Again the Mets were listed as underdogs as they took on the Atlanta Braves. But the Mets devoured the Braves just as easily as they did the Eastern Division clubs. This time they did it with their bats rather than their pitching.

Seaver was hammered for five runs in the opening playoff game in Atlanta but the Mets rallied with a five-run eighth inning to take the game, 9-5. In the second game, also in Atlanta, Koosman was kayoed in the fifth but with Agee, Jones and Kenny Boswell hitting homers, the Mets emerged with an 11-6 victory. The third and clinching game was played at Shea on the afternoon of October 6. Gentry did not get out of the third inning as the Braves jumped in front, 2-0. They were threatening in the third when Nolan Ryan came out of the bullpen to strike out Rico Carty. After an intentional walk to Orlando Cepeda, Ryan fanned Clete Boyer and retired Bob Didier. Ryan went on to pitch three-hit relief ball over seven innings and wound up the winner as the Mets became National League champions only seven years after they had been the laughing stock of baseball.

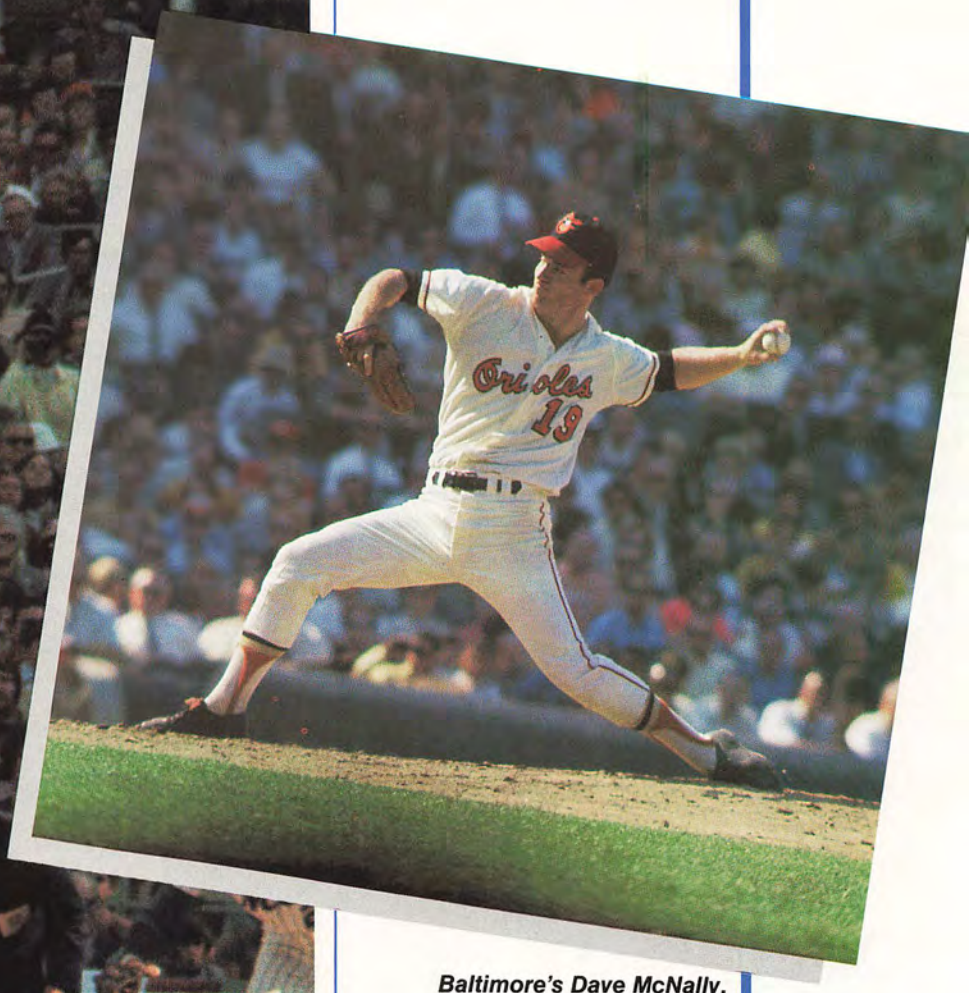


The World Series managers: Baltimore's Earl Weaver (l) and Hodges.

Ceremonies prior to the Mets' first World Series game at Shea.



Jerry Koosman

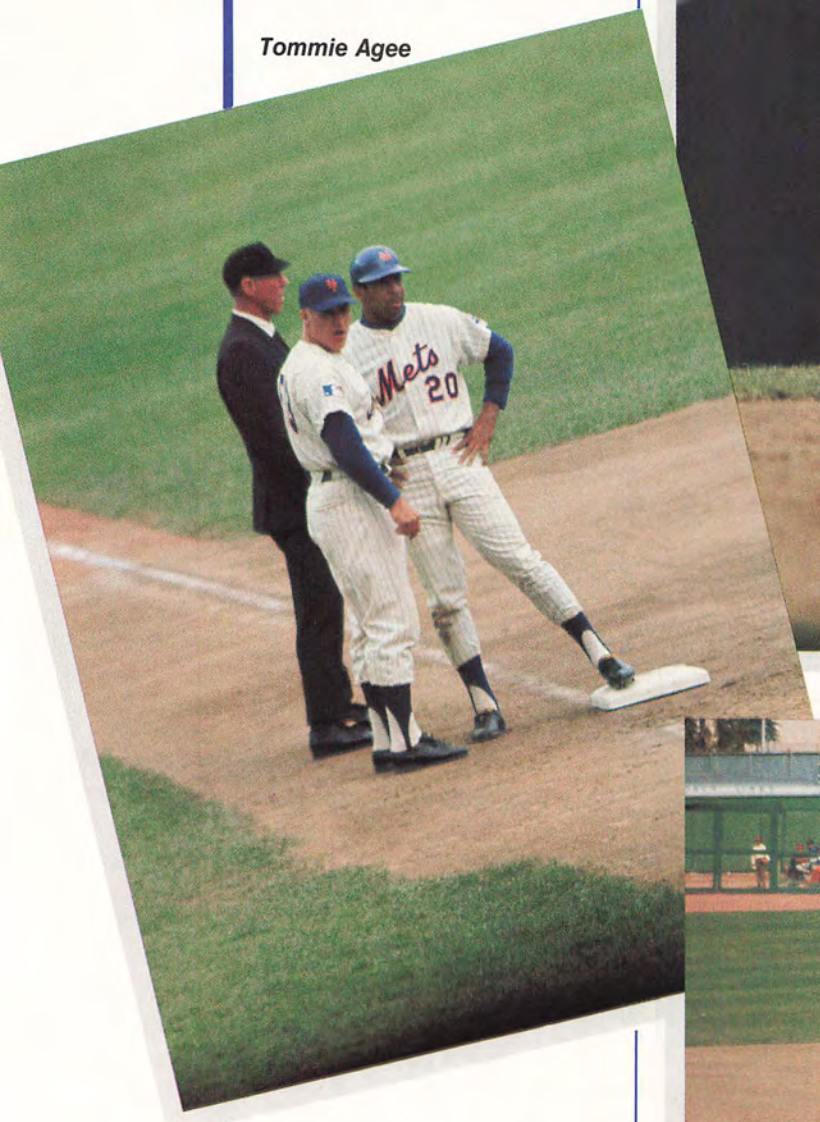


Baltimore's Dave McNally.

The World Series left the Mets in the same situation they were in back in April - heavy underdogs. The Baltimore Orioles were supposed to wipe them out easily. And when Mike Cuellar beat Seaver, 4-1, in the Series opener, it appeared the Orioles might sweep. It turned out to be Baltimore's only win in the Series.

Donn Clendenon

Tommie Agee



The Impossible Dream. The World Series at Shea Stadium.

Frank Robinson

Koosman, with last out help from Taylor, pitched the Mets to a 2-1 win over Dave McNally in the second game. Clendenon hit a homer for one run and the winning run in the ninth was singled home by Al Weis.

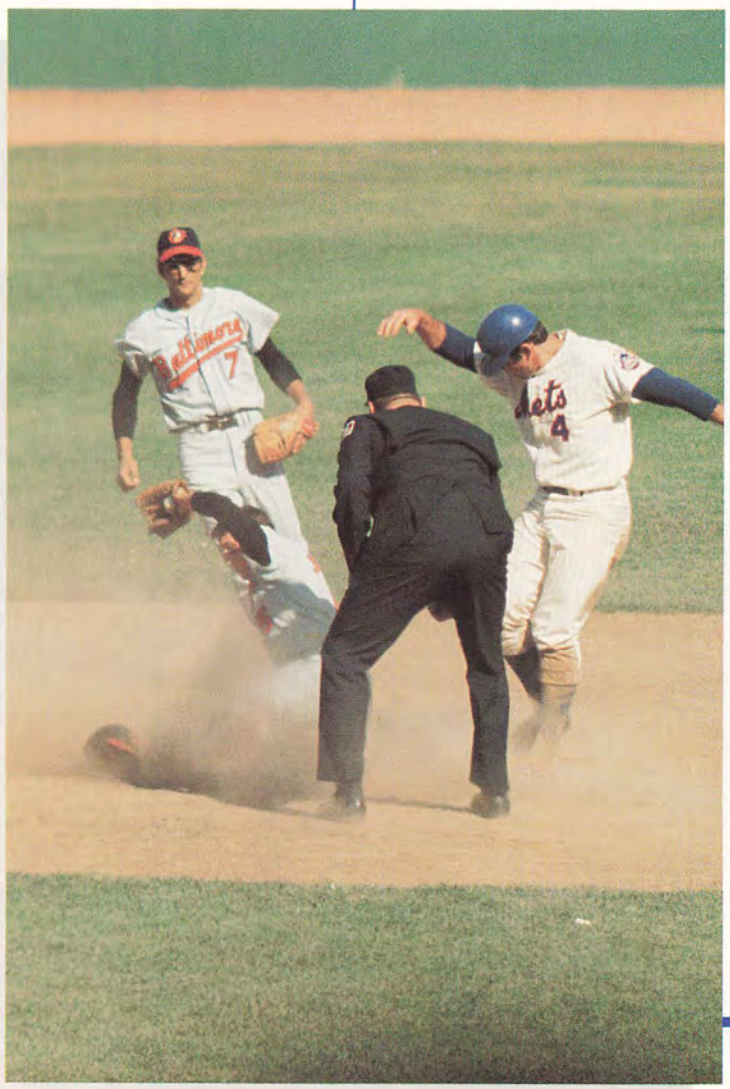
Gentry, Ryan and Agee were the stars of the Mets' 5-0 win in the first game played at Shea Stadium. Gentry and Ryan combined for the four-hit shutout and Agee, besides hitting a home run, put on one of the greatest fielding shows in Series history. In the fourth, with two Orioles on base, Tommie raced into left center and made a fingertip catch at the 396-foot sign to take an extra base hit away from Elrod Hendricks. In the seventh, with the bases

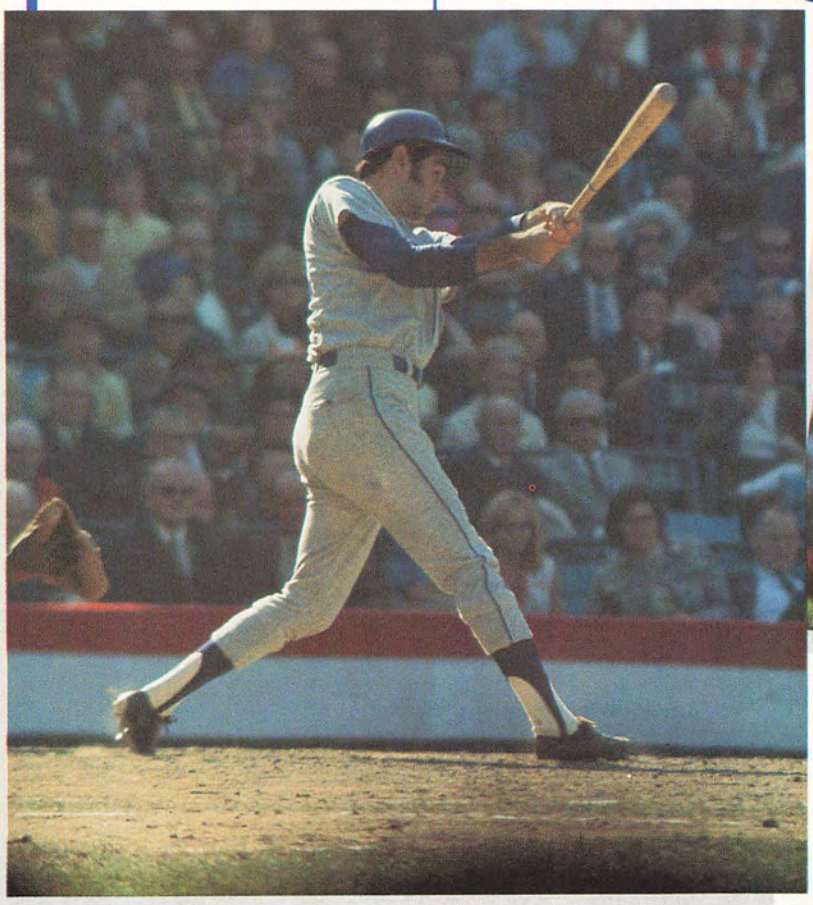
Frank Robinson

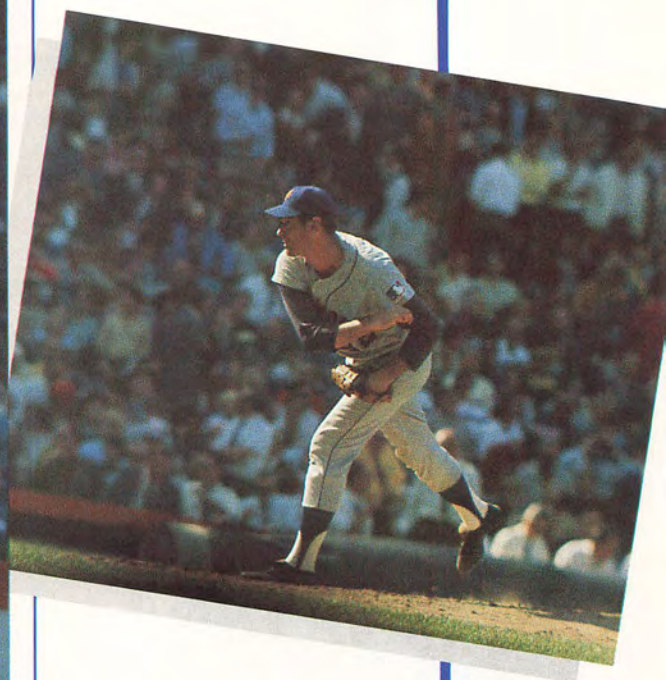
Ron Swoboda

loaded and two out, Agee went flying through the air in right center and made a fantastic catch of Paul Blair's bid for a base hit.

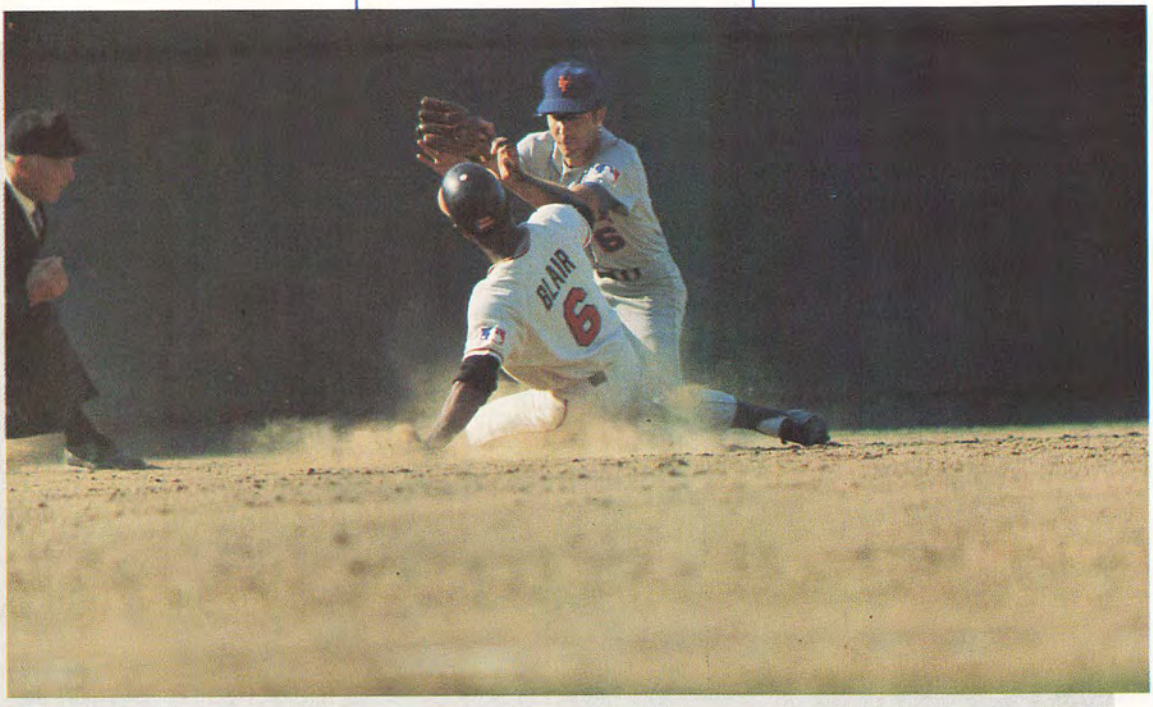
Seaver took a 1-0 lead into the ninth inning of Game 4 but lost his shutout when Frank Robinson and Boog Powell singled and Brooks Robinson followed with a "sacrifice fly." Brooks' drive would have been a base hit but for an amazing, tumbling, shoetop catch by Ron Swoboda in right. That prevented what might have been a big inning. The Mets then won in bizarre fashion in the 10th. Jerry Grote doubled and when reliever Pete Richert fielded J. C. Martin's sacrifice bunt attempt and hit Martin in the wrist, the ball rolled into the



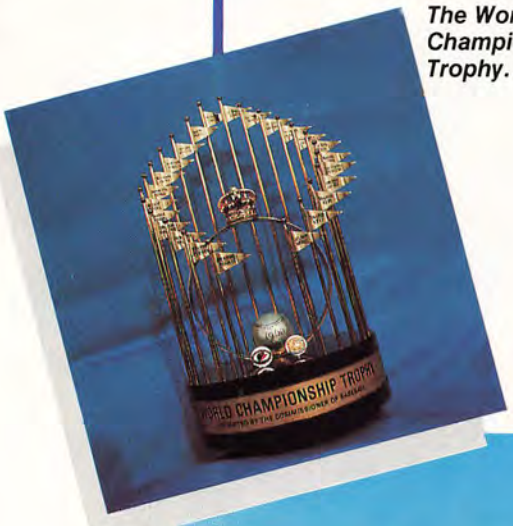




Art Shamsky (left), Ron Taylor (above) and Al Weis (below).



outfield and Pinch Runner Rod Gaspar raced home from second with the winning run. The Orioles argued in vain that Martin, in running to first, was out of the baseline and interferred with Richert's throw. But the umpires rejected their appeal.



The World Championship Trophy.

The 1969 World Champion New York Mets *Front row* (left to right): ex-trainer G. Mauch, coach J. Pignatano, coach R. Walker, coach Y. Berra, coach E. Yost, asst. trainer J. Deer. *Second row*: T. McGraw, G. Gentry, A. Weis, C. Jones, Manager G. Hodges, J. Grote, B. Harrelson, E. Charles, R. Gaspar, D. Dyer. *Third row*: J. McAndrew, T. Agee, C. Koonce, K. Boswell, T. Seaver, J. Koosman, R. Swoboda, W. Garrett, B. Pfeil, travel sec. L. Niss. *Back row*: equip. mgr. N. Torman, J.C. Martin, R. Taylor, E. Kranepool, D. Cardwell, D. Clendenon, N. Ryan, A. Shamsky, J. DiLauro, clubhouse asst. R. Neuer.

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The Mets defeat the Orioles in Game Five, bringing the World Championship to Flushing.

Down, three games to one, the Orioles appeared to have righted themselves in Game 5 when Dave McNally and Frank Robinson hit homers to take a 3-0 lead. But in the sixth, Hodges pulled the famous shoe polish ball out of his bag of tricks. Jones skipped away from a low pitch by McNally and was standing just out of the batter's box when Hodges emerged from the dugout to show plate umpire Lou DiMuro a ball he said had just landed in the dugout. Hodges said the ball had hit Cleon on the foot and he pointed to a spot of shoe polish on the ball. DiMuro accepted the appeal and awarded Jones first base, claiming he had been hit by the pitch. Clendenon followed with a home run to cut Baltimore's lead to 3-2.

In the seventh inning, the light-hitting Weis - who would hit .455 in the Series, led off with a game tying home run. Then, in the eighth, Jones and Swoboda hit doubles to put the Mets ahead and Koosman went on to pitch a five-hitter for a 5-3 victory that made the Amazin' Mets World Champions.

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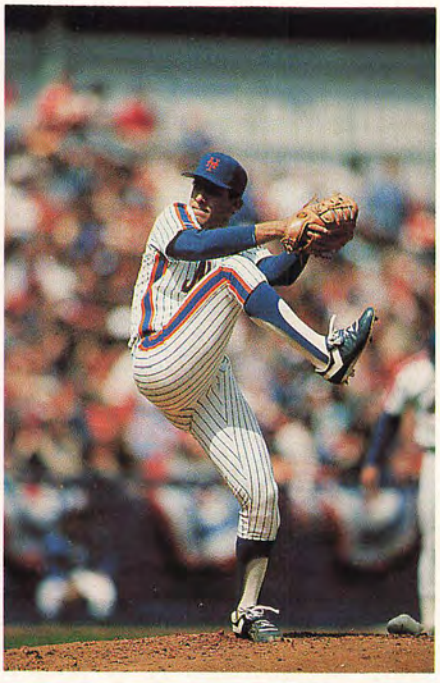
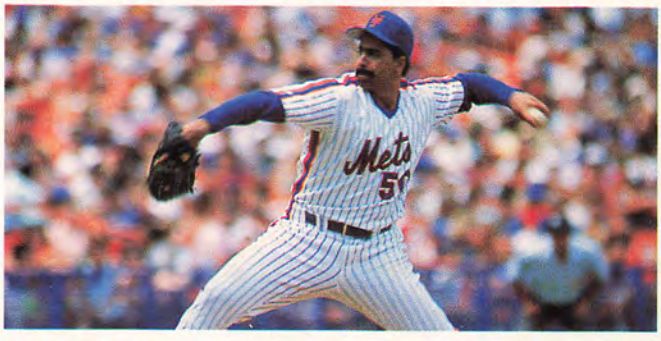
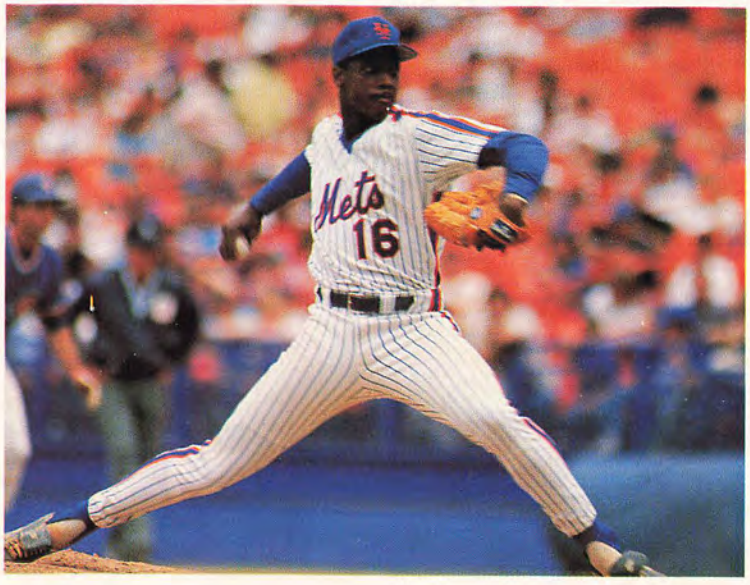
For the fourth time in their 27-year history, the New York Mets captured the National League Eastern Division title in 1988. Their 100-60 record was the best in the National League, while the club posted the second-highest winning percentage (.625) in Mets history. Despite a heart-wrenching loss to the Dodgers in the National League Championship Series, the Mets are still recognized as the best team in baseball over the past five seasons, having posted a 488-320 record. Manager Davey Johnson became the first manager in National League history to post 90 or more wins in his first five seasons.

The starting pitchers, (clockwise, top); David Cone, Bob Ojeda, Dwight Gooden, Ron Darling, and Sid Fernandez, all finished in double figures in wins. The Mets pitching staff led the NL in ERA (2.91).







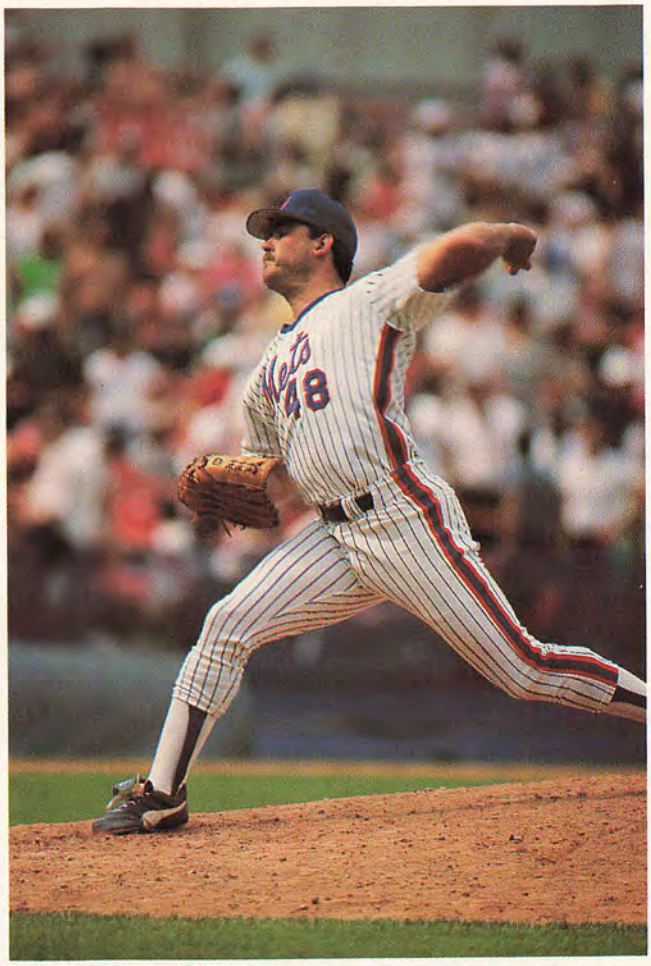
1988 IN REVIEW *(continued)*

"Tom Terrific", Tom Seaver, was inducted into the Mets Hall of Fame on July 24. His familiar number 41 was retired, the third Mets number to be retired.

Darryl Strawberry led the league with his 39 home runs. He became the Mets all-time home run leader.

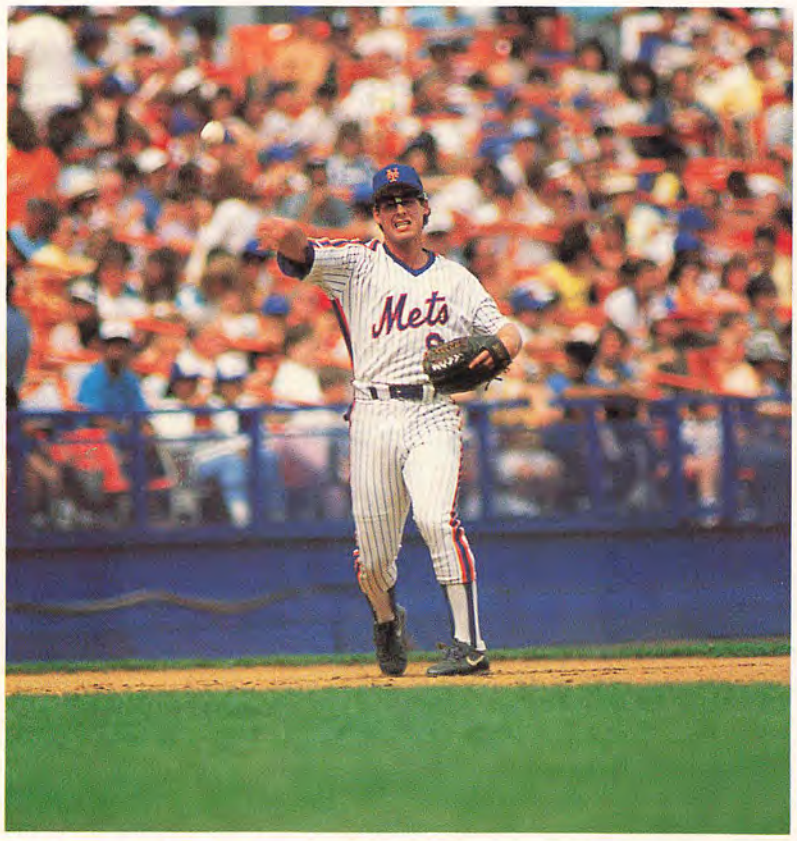
Kevin McReynolds had a career-high 100 RBI, while stealing 21 straight bases without being caught. He did it with his arm, too, leading the NL in outfield assists.

Randy Myers' 26 saves led the Mets bullpen, which saved 46 games, second in the National League.



The Mets opened a new Spring Training site at Port St. Lucie, Florida in 1988, after spending the first 25 seasons in St. Pete.

Rookie phenom Gregg Jefferies took full advantage of a late-season callup, batting .321 with 6 homers in just 29 games.



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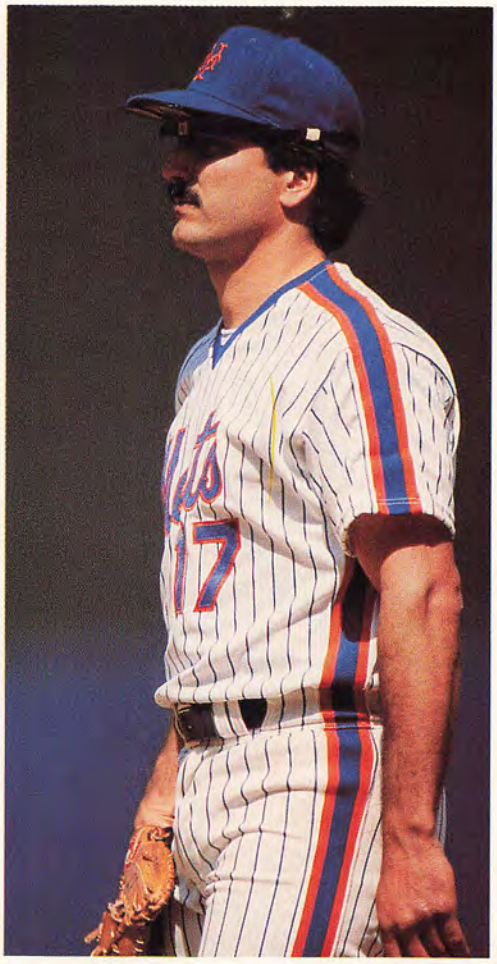
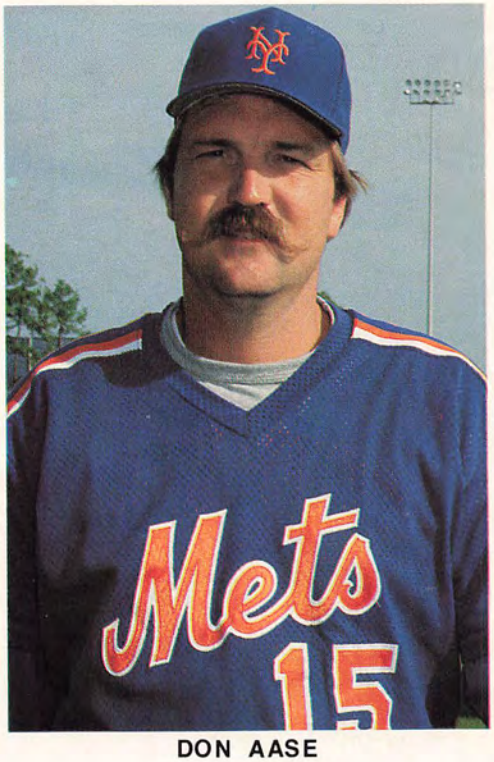


The Mets went over the three million mark in attendance for the second straight season, when 3,027,121 fans streamed through the Shea gates, setting a new Mets record, and the eighth-highest total ever.



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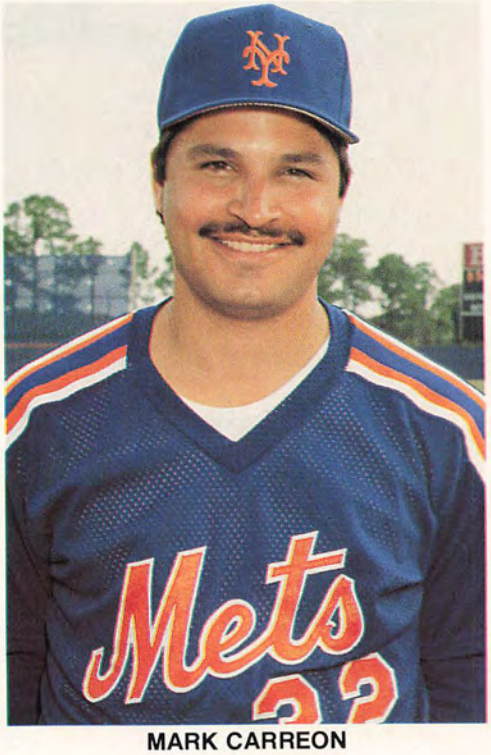

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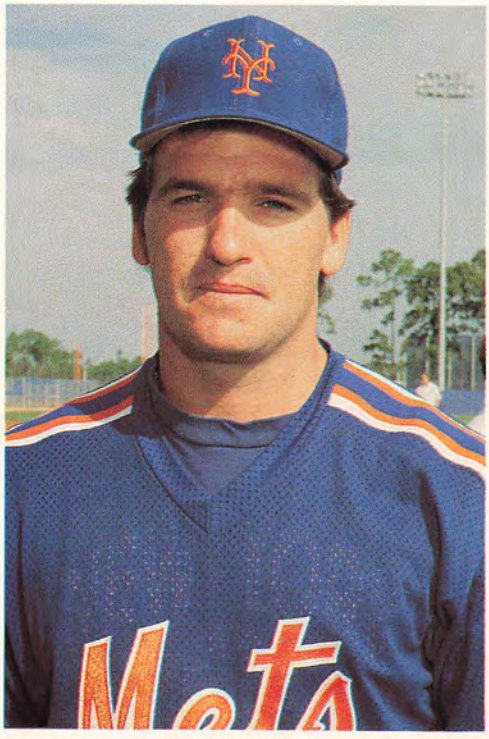

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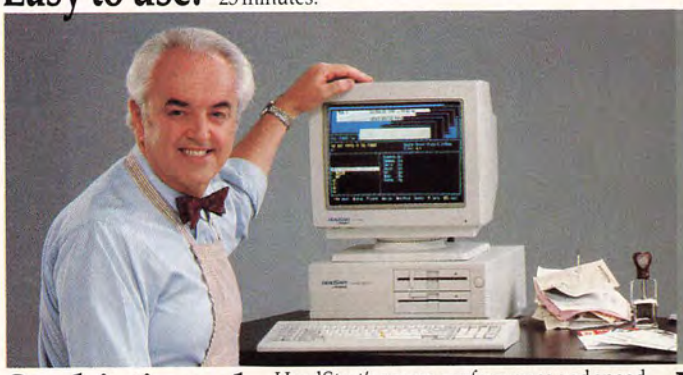

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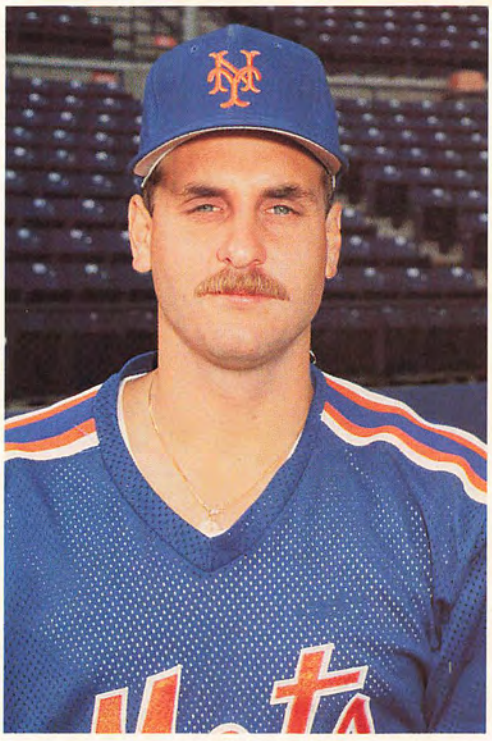

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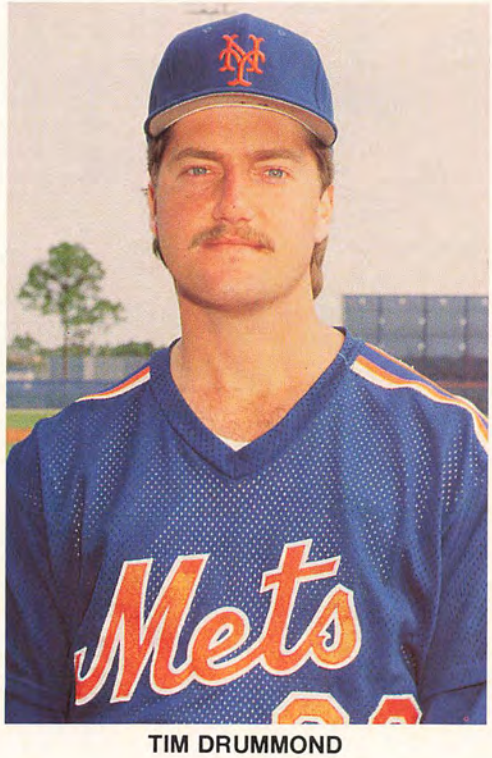

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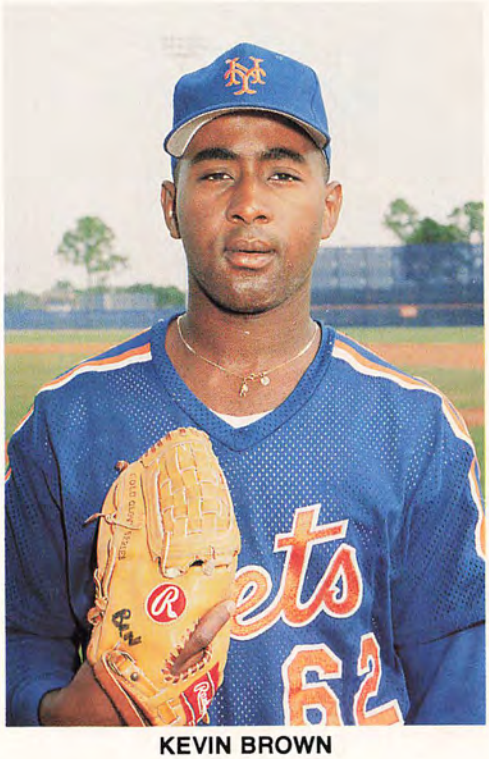

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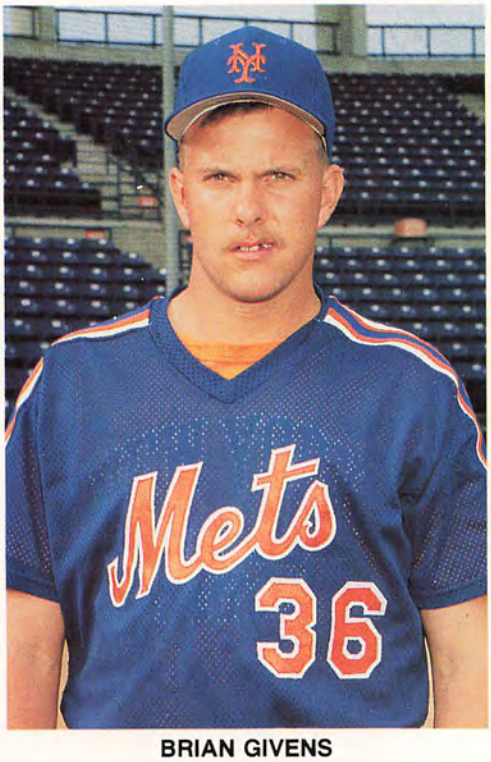

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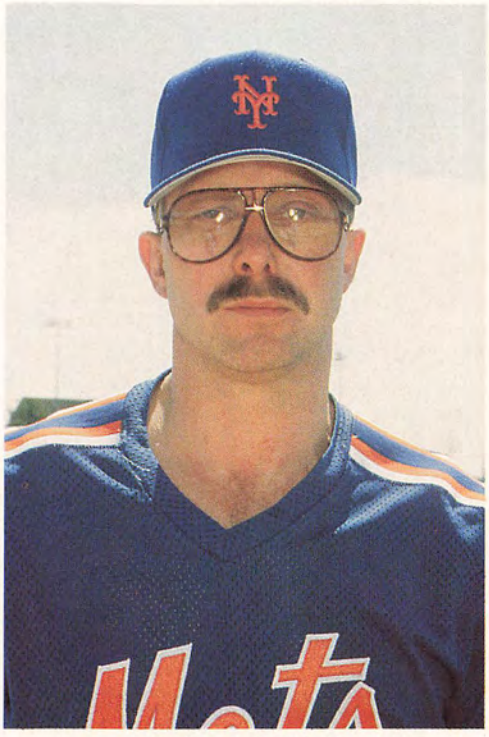

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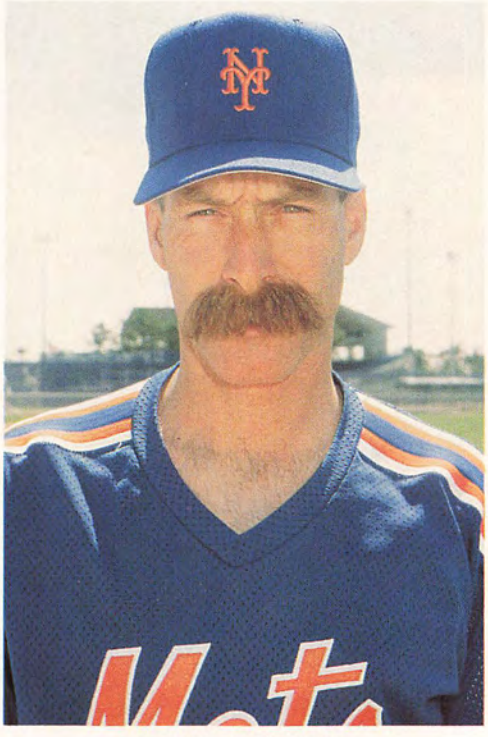

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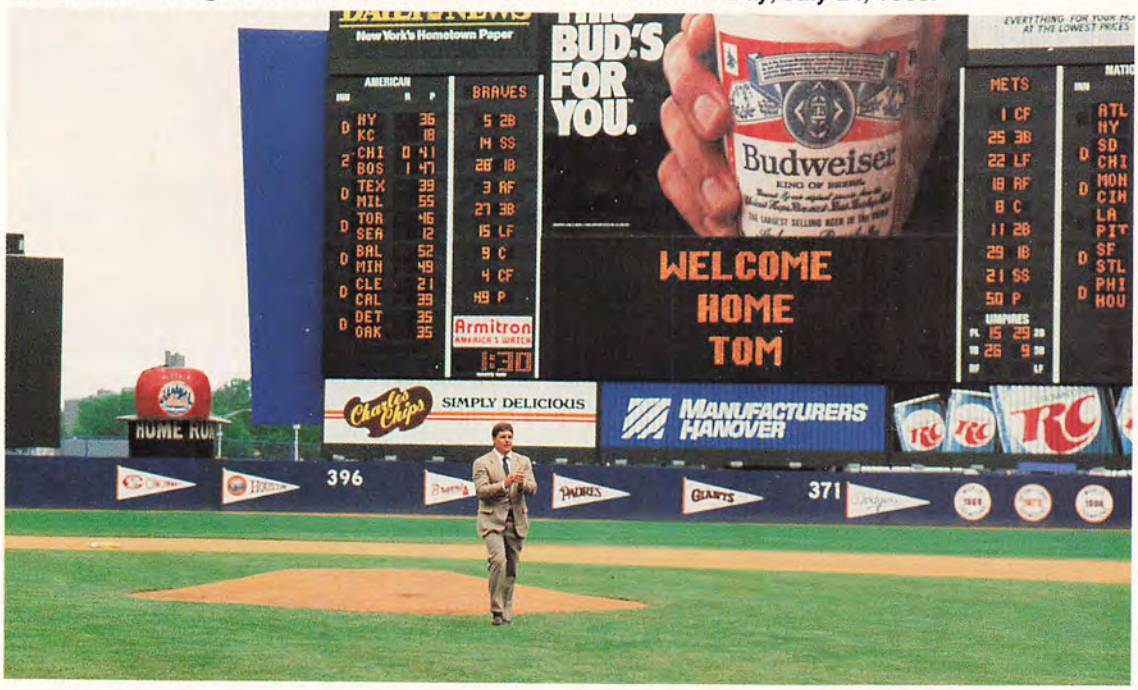

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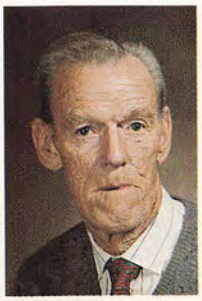
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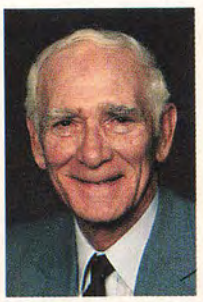
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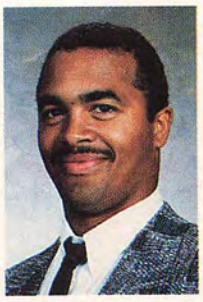
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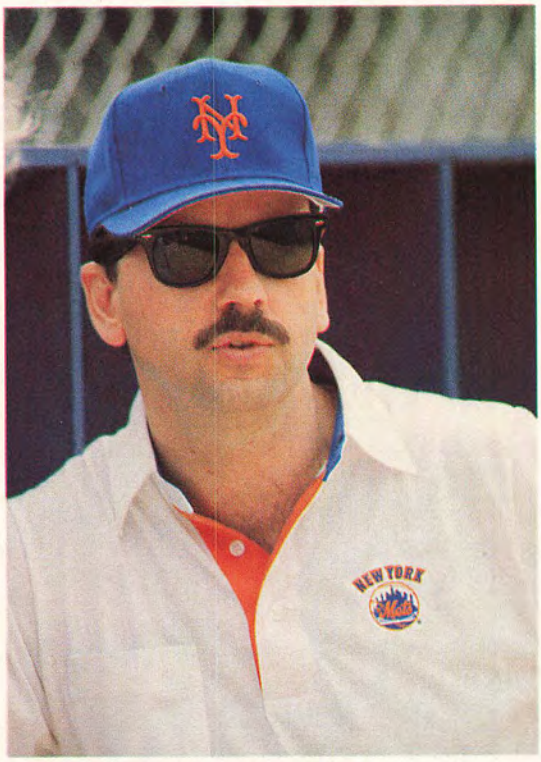

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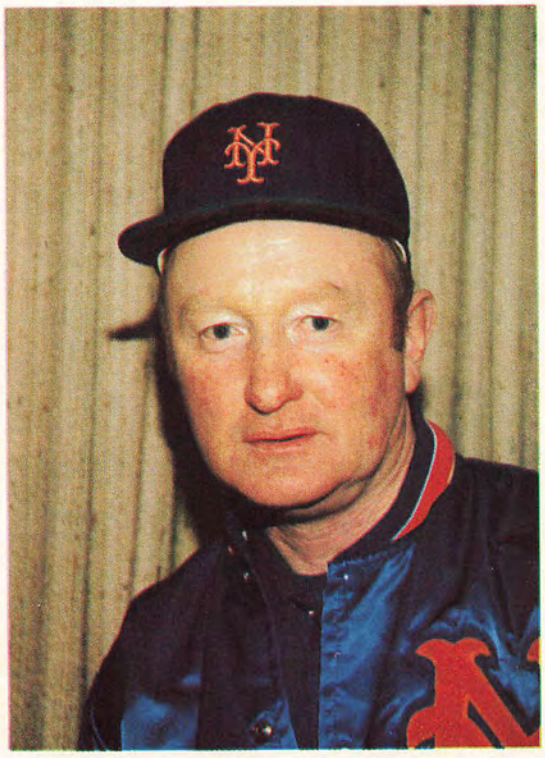

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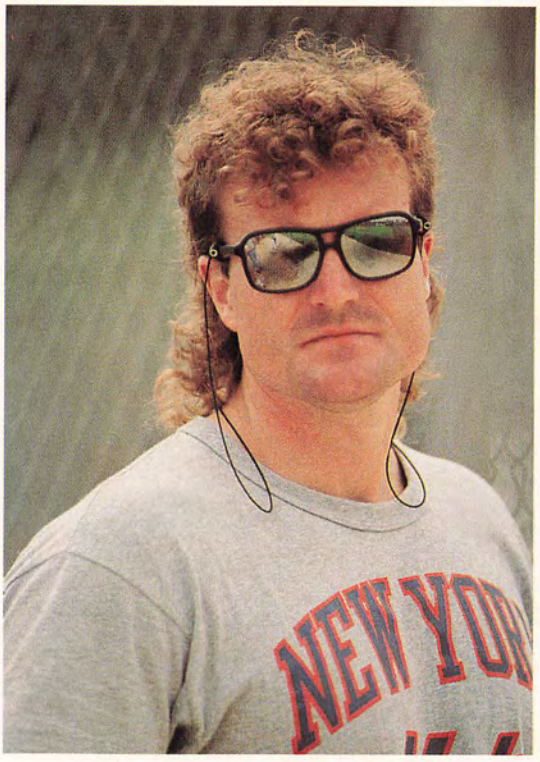

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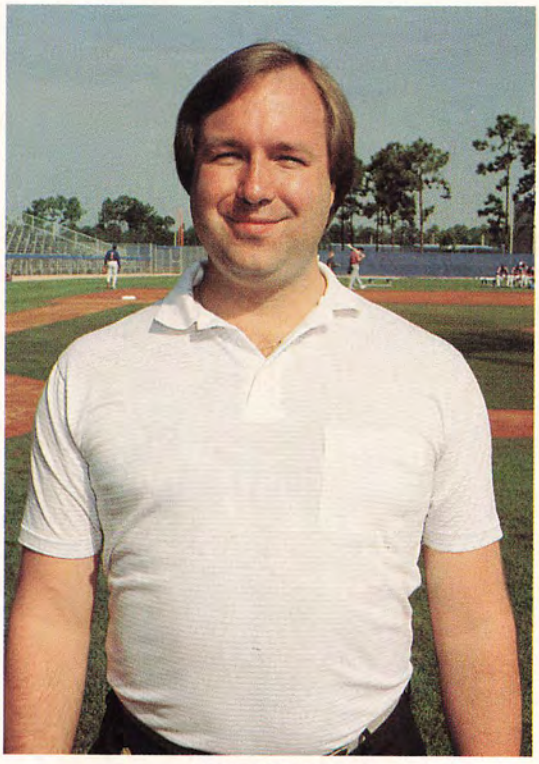

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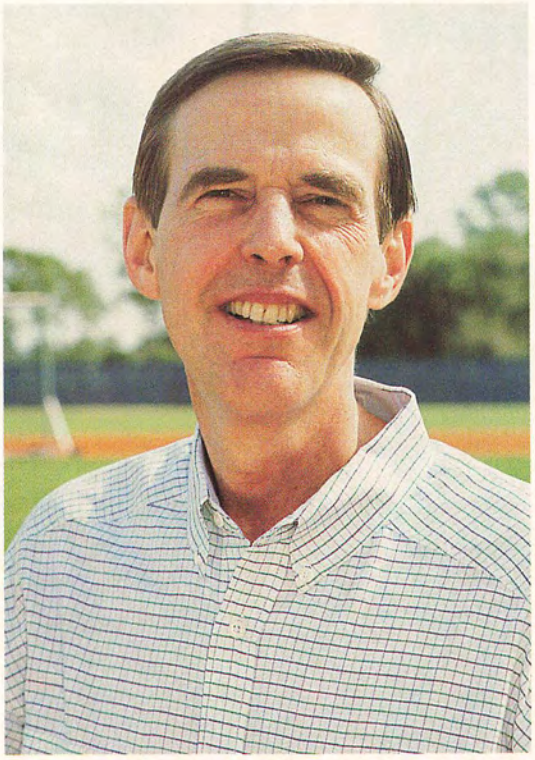

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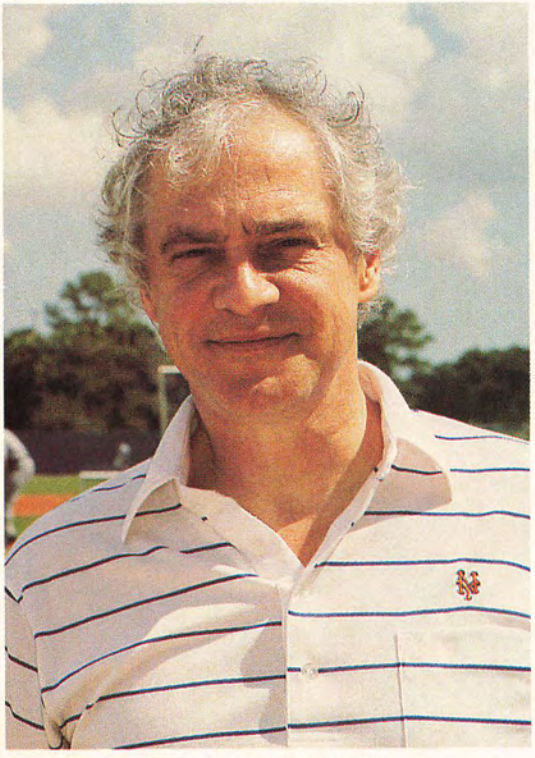

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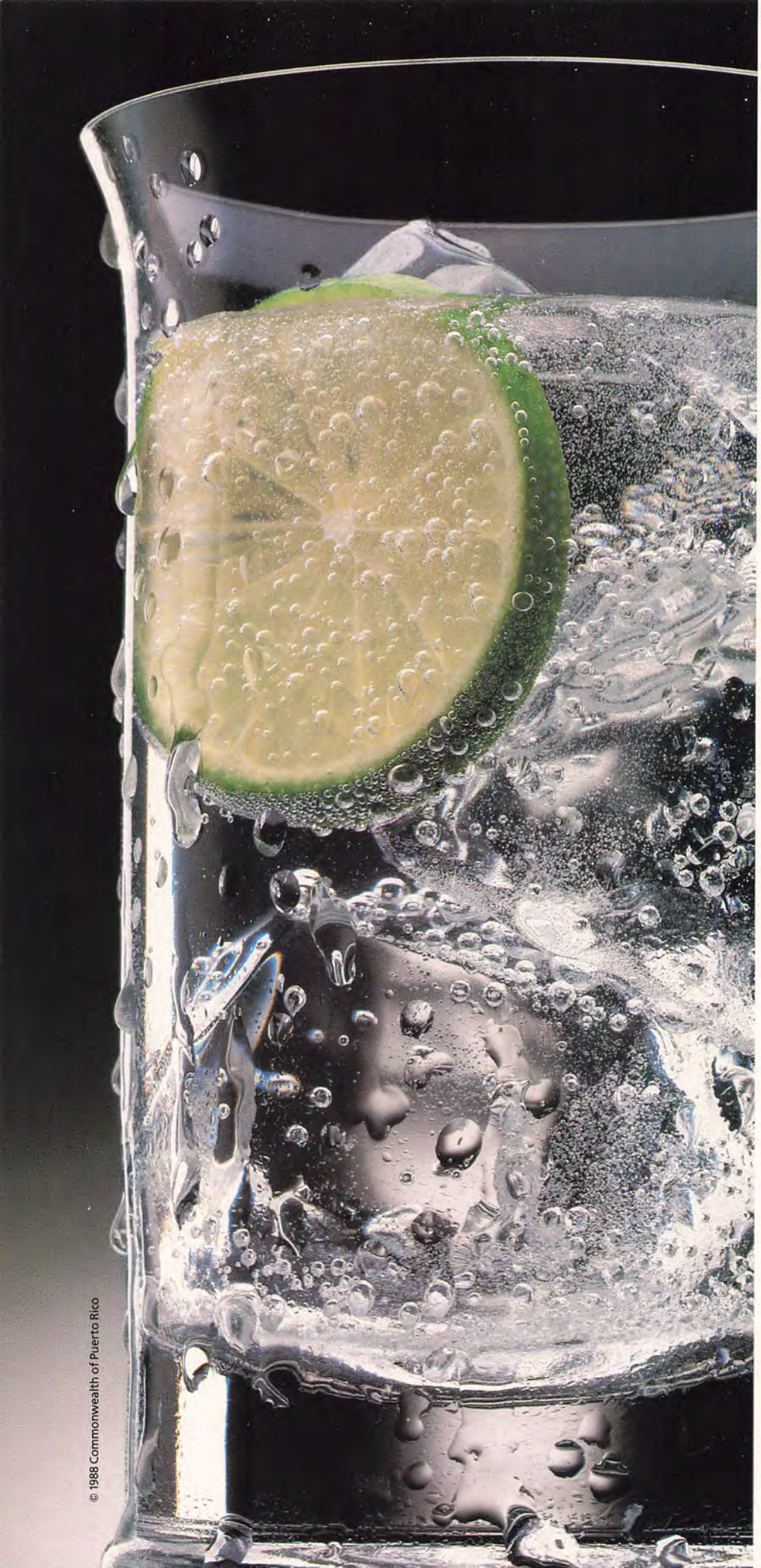

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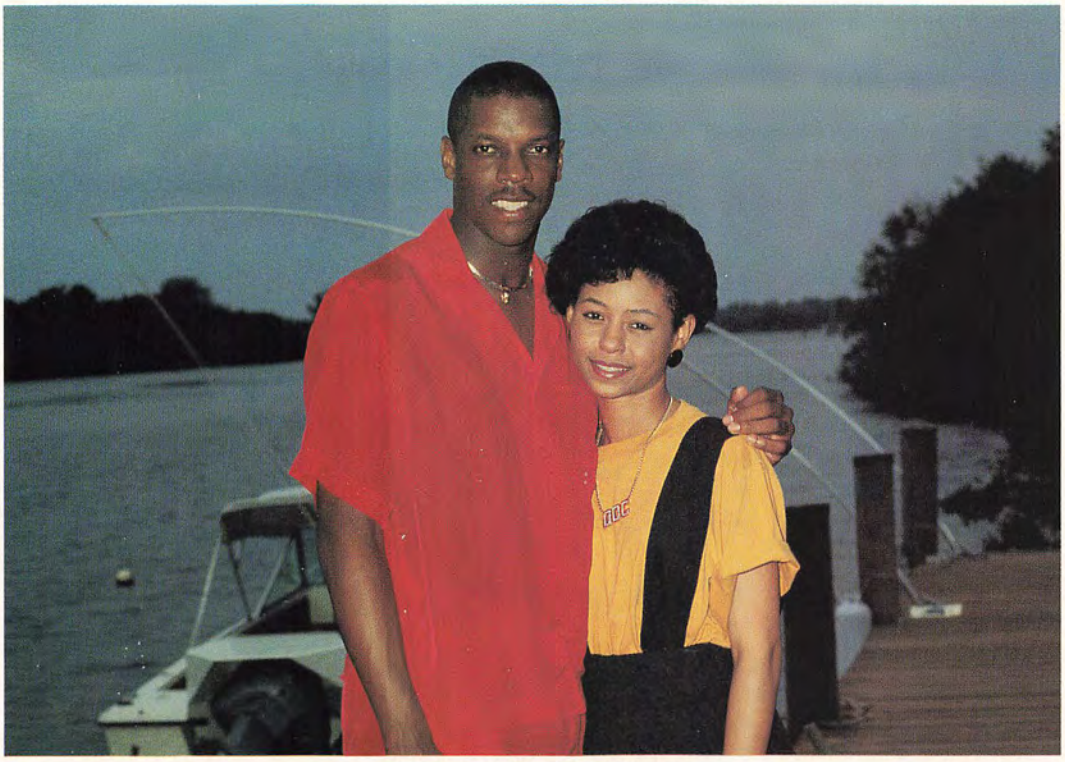

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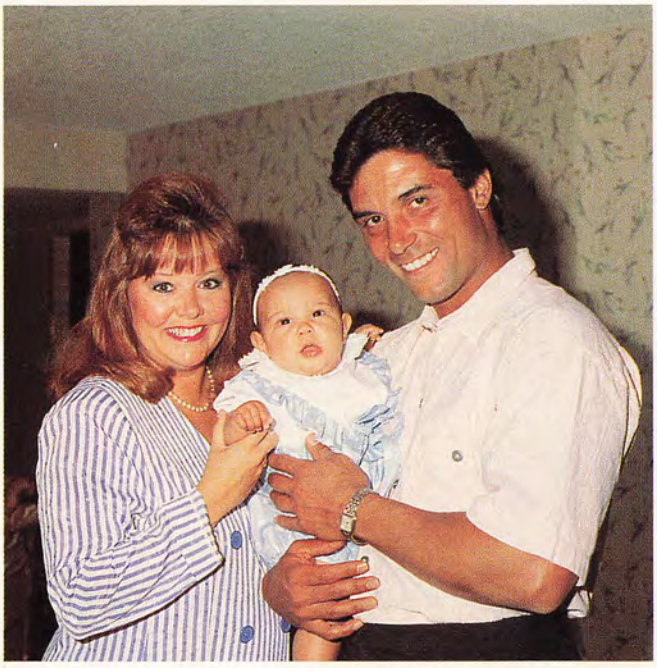

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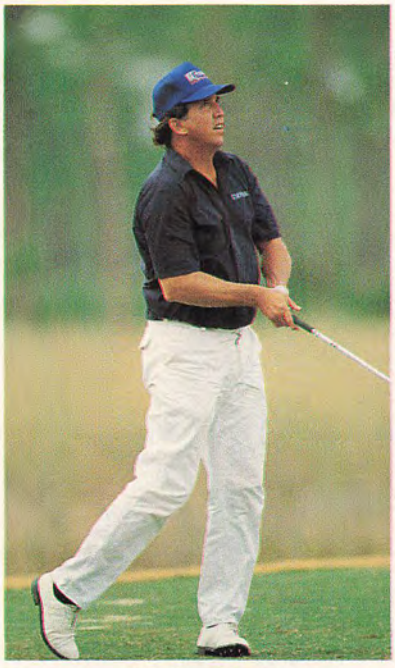

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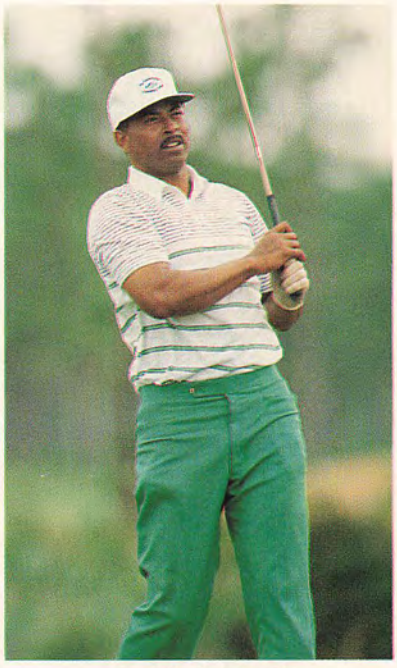

. . . Bill Robinson

A number of New York Mets participated in the third annual Gary Carter Sweet 'N Low Golf Classic for the benefit of the Leukemia Society of America on February 21 at the JDM Country Club in Palm Beach Gardens. The event raised over $50,000 for the Leukemia Society, for whom Carter has served as national sports chairman since 1985. Mets playing in the tournament included (left to right) Wally Whitehurst, David Cone, Dave West, Carter, Bob Ojeda, Ron Darling, Bud Harrelson, and general manager Frank Cashen.

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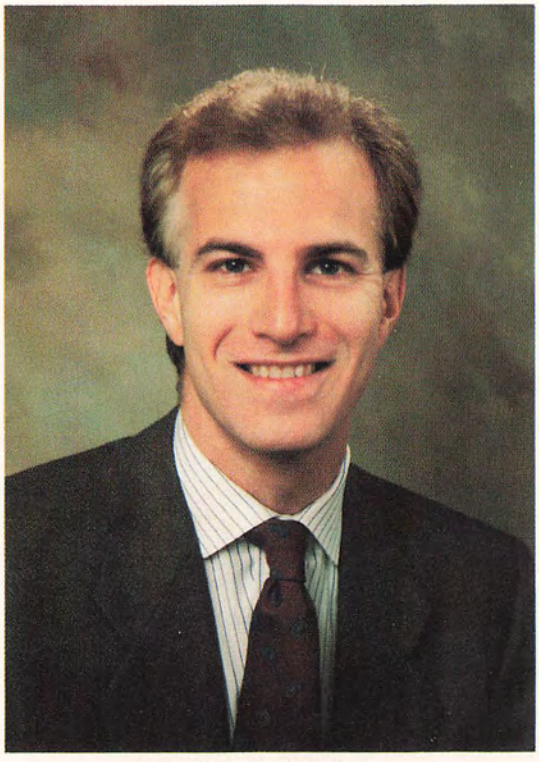

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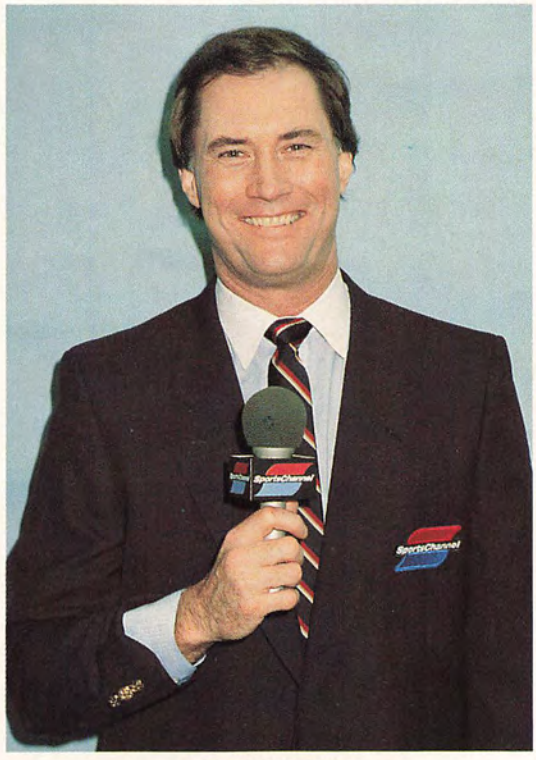

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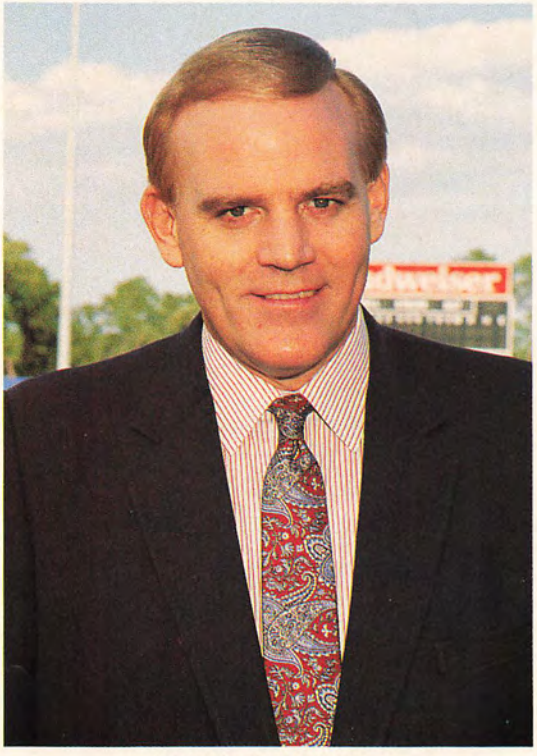

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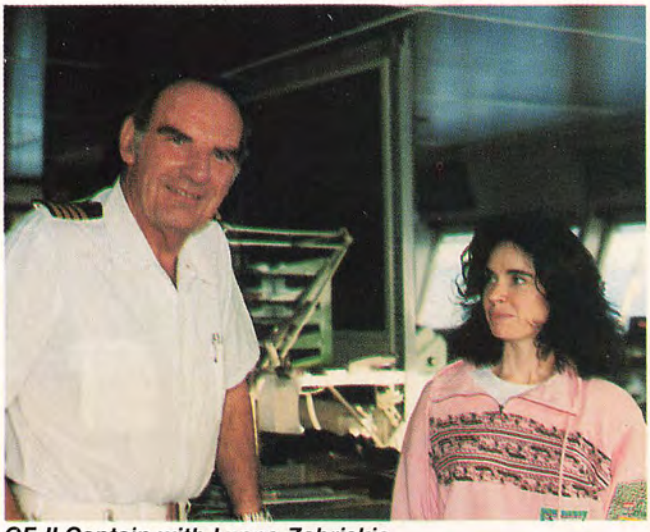
Despite two days of rough seas, the Mets seafaring party enjoyed many fun activities including autograph, question/answer and photo sessions, basketball tournaments and evening parties. Some of the trip's highlights were Bill and Mary Robinson's 25th Anniversary Celebration and a picnic and softball game against the Mets on Barbados. Other ports visited were St. Maarten, Guadeloupe and St. Thomas before returning to New York on January 13. A great time was had by all.

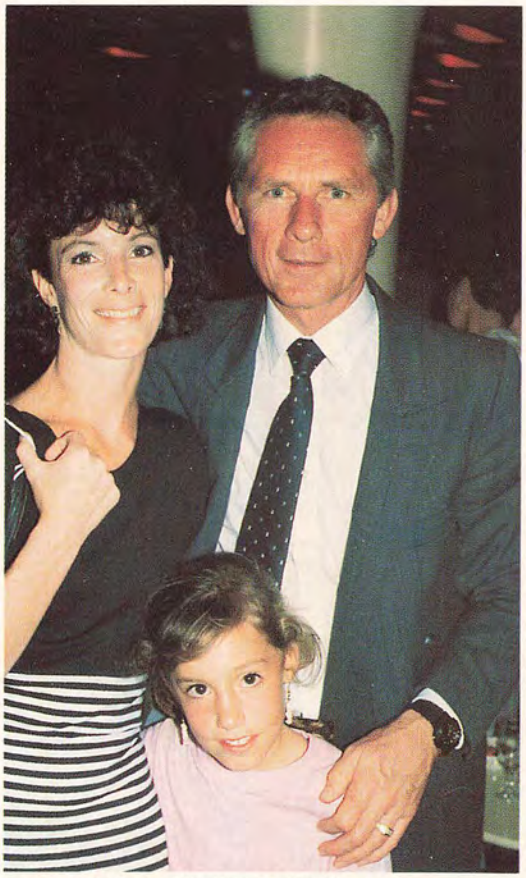
Roger and Karen McDowell.



QE-II Captain with Lynne Zabriskie

Bill and Mary Robinson celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary.

QE-II



Bud and Kim Harrelson with daughter, Alexandra.

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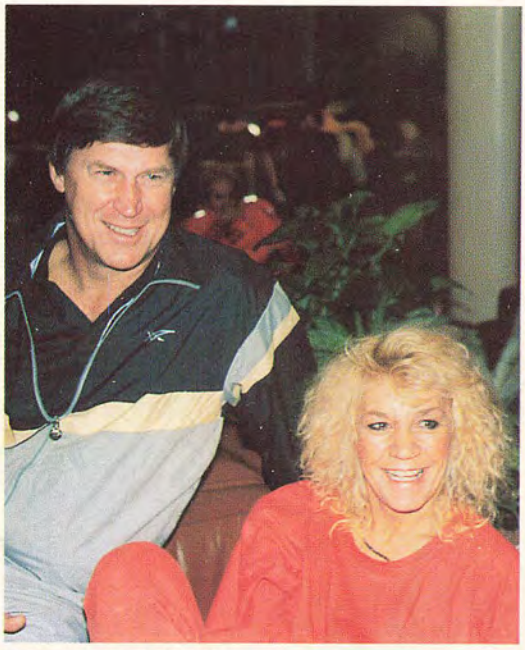

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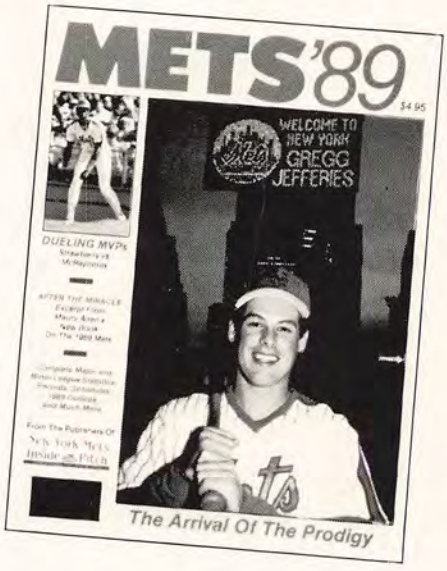

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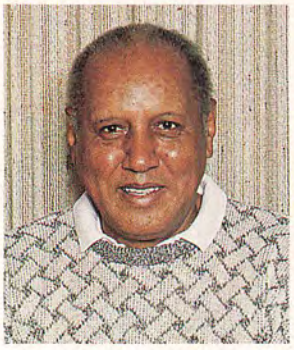

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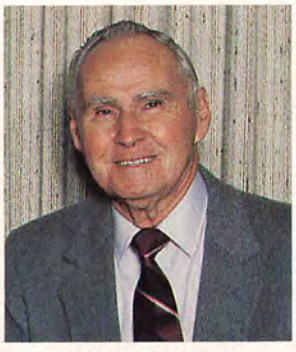

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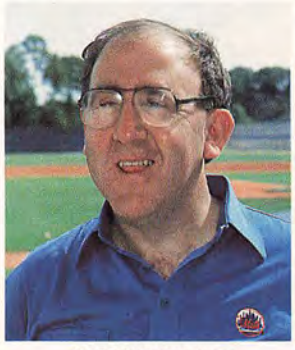

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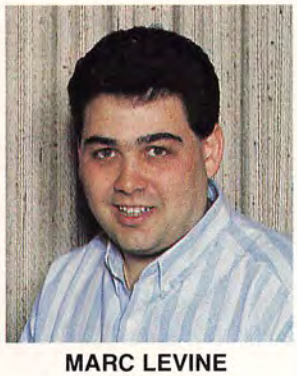

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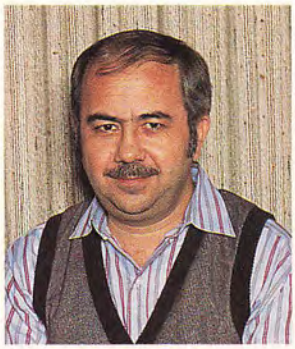

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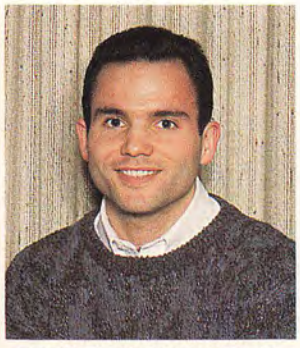

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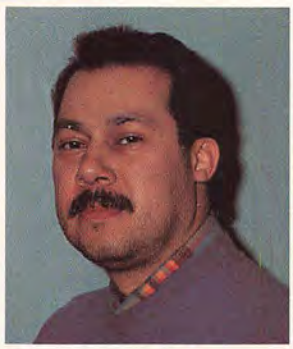

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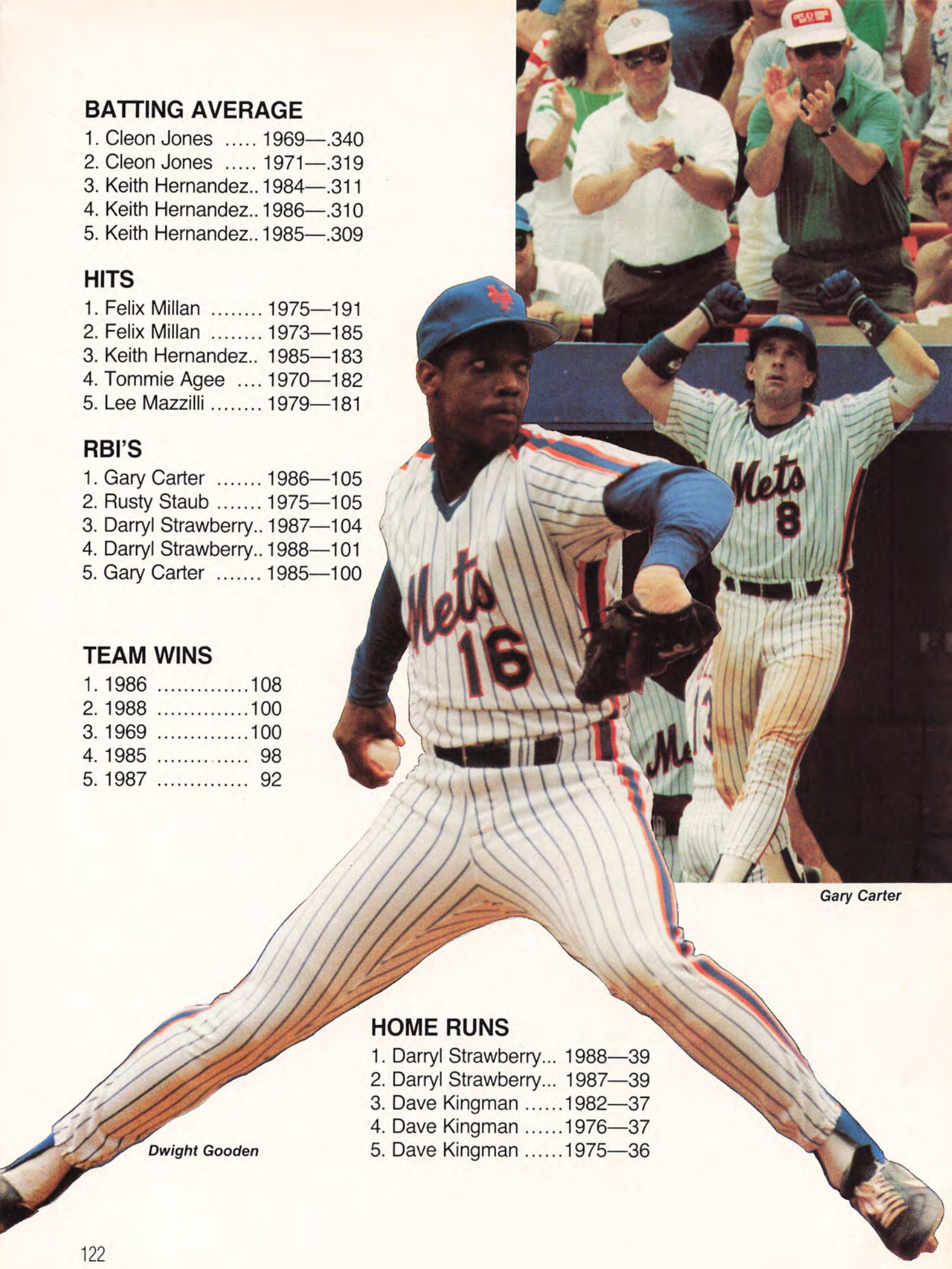

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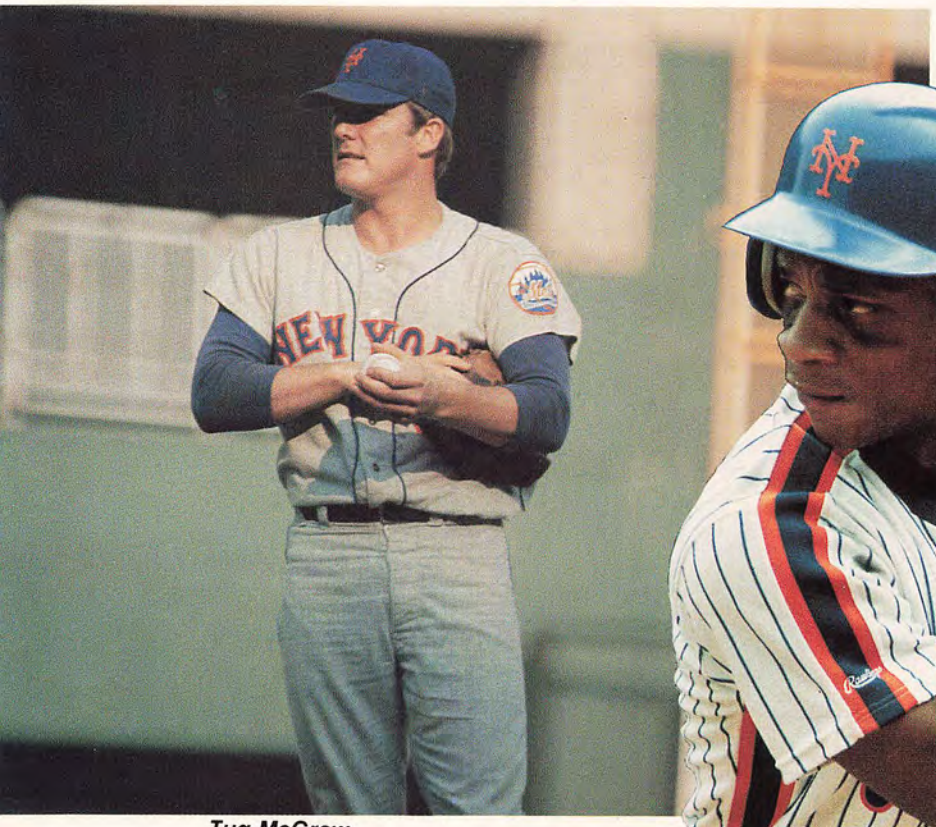

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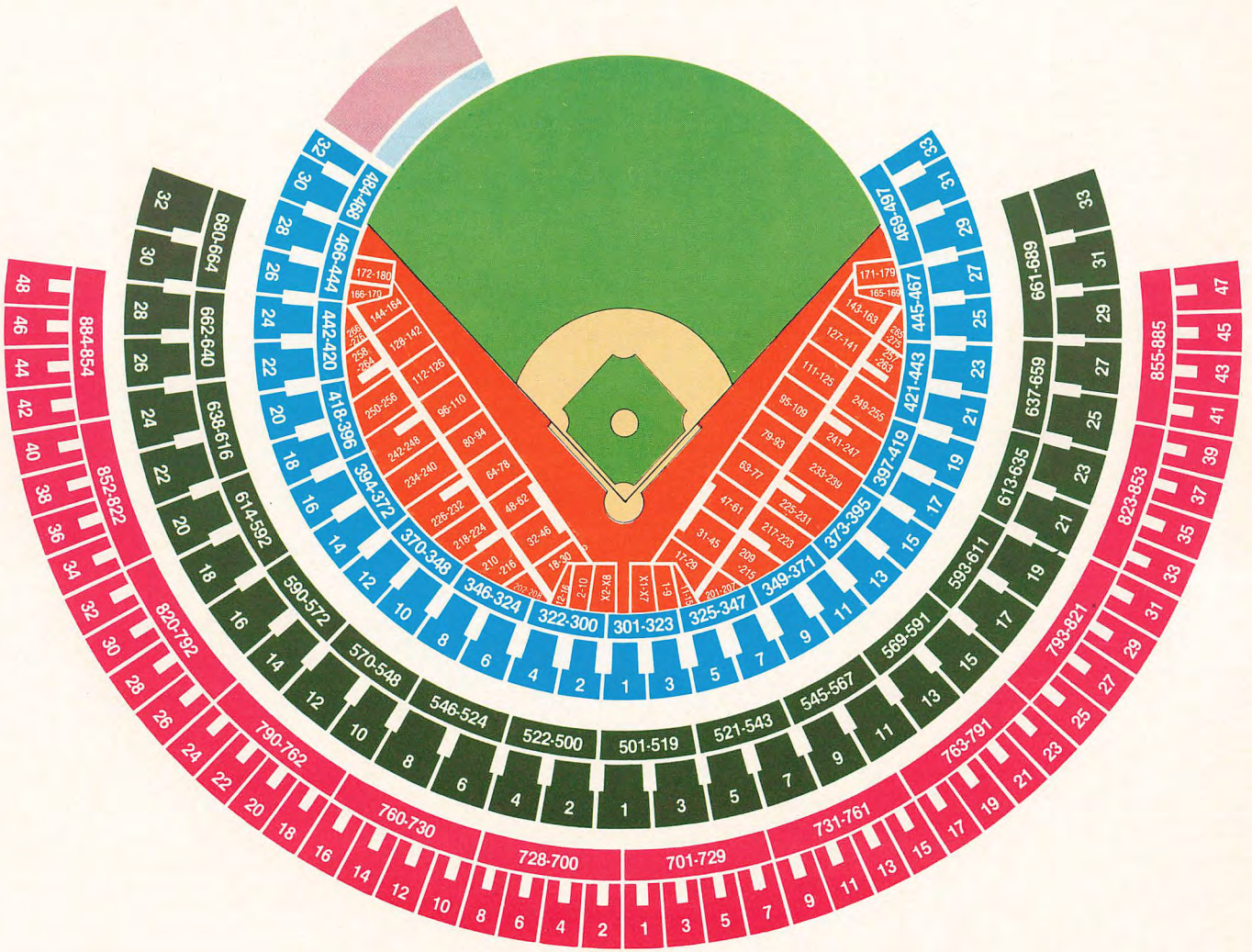

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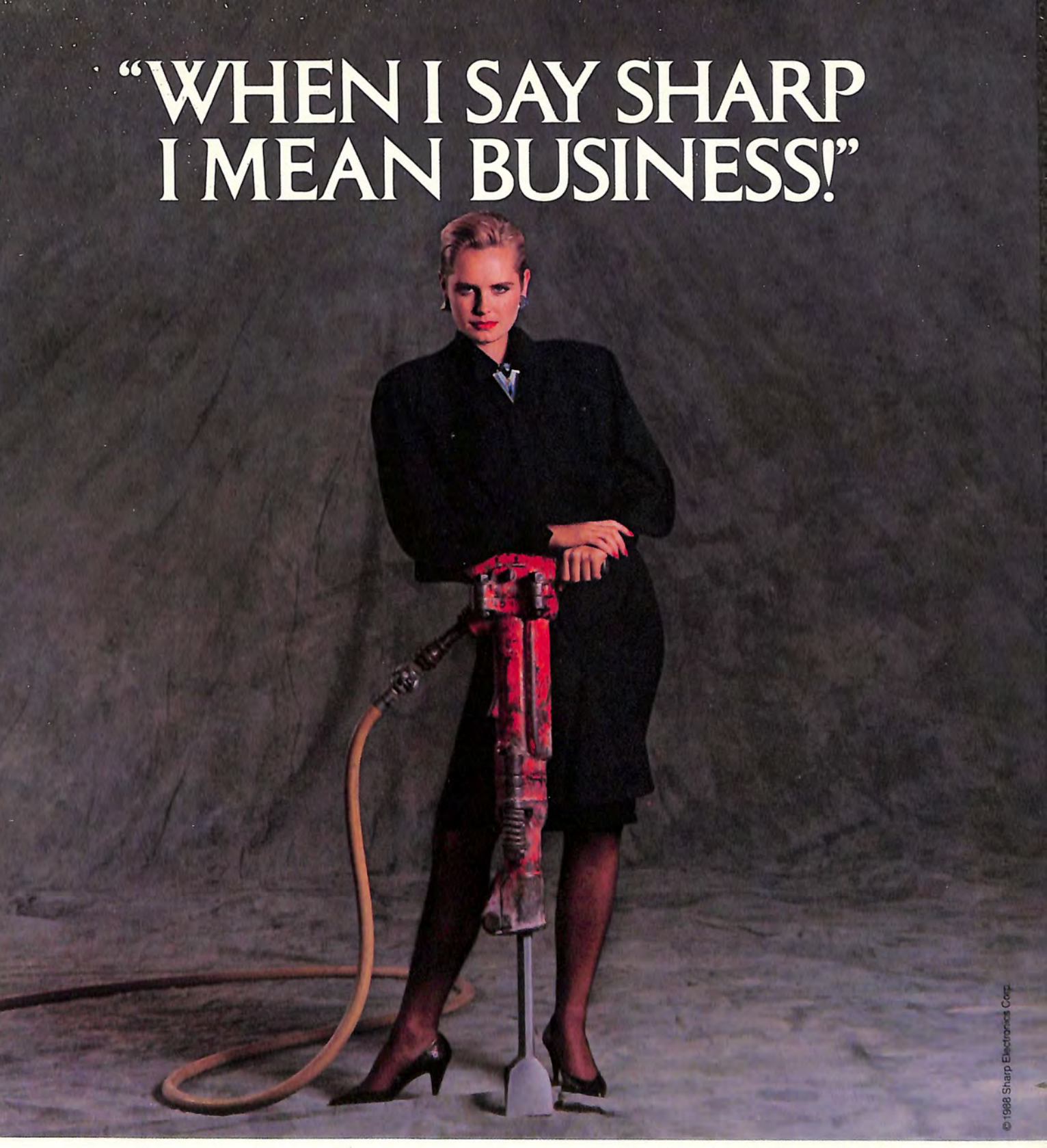

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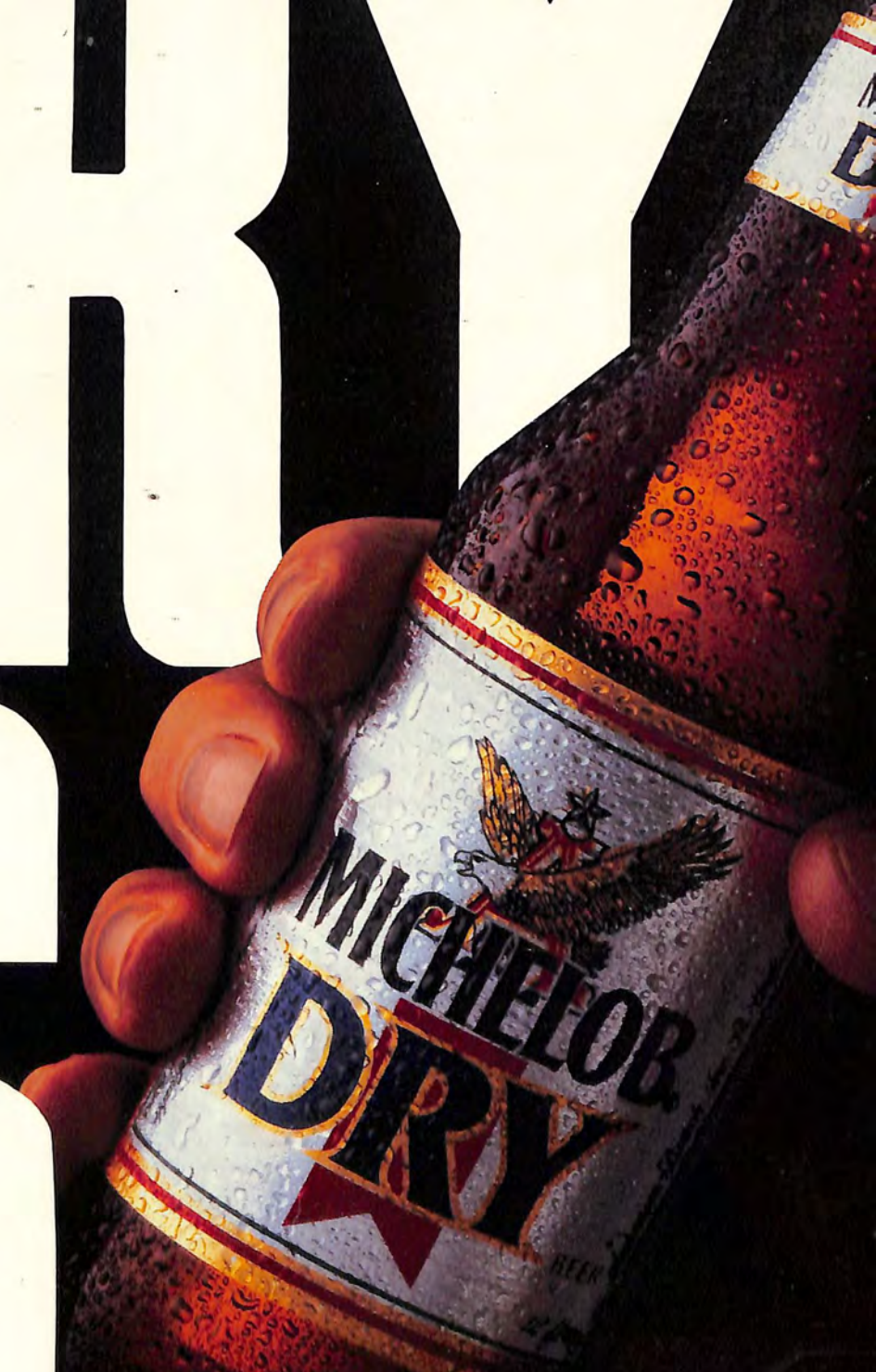

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